

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Auditor Karla Bauman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**VACATION OF LOWER SMOKEY HOLLOW:** Presentation by Nathan Meyer on Petition to Vacate a Portion of Public Way – Lower Smokey Hollow Road. Lower Smokey Hollow Road is located in Franklin County, Blooming Grove Township, State of Indiana, more particularly described on the Warranty Deed, Record 125, Page 447.48, filed on September 17, 2001. Petitioners are requesting the Commissioners of Franklin County to close said portion of Lower Smokey Hollow Road as it has not been used as a public way for over twenty-five (25) years. There are some electrical poles that need to be replaced and they have been in contact with the electric company. The turnaround is still in place. The north side has already been vacated back in 1996. REMC is okay with the petitioners' vacation so long as they can maintain easement and access. Nobody was present who objected to the vacation. The petition presented needs to be modified to allow the Commissioners to sign. They will be back in two weeks with a proper petition, an executed agreement (easement) with REMC and proper documentation of the turnaround. They will meet again on February 6, 2017.

**TRUCK BIDS OPENED – HIGHWAY:**

**Lischke Motors -      Single Axle \$152, 875**  
**Tandem \$160,990**

**Shirks International - Single \$125,533.51 (incorrect amount stated during meeting was**  
**\$\$129,677 for single and \$151,529 for tandem)**  
**Tandem \$143,282.68**

**Rush Truck Centers (Kaffenbarger)- Single \$129,788**  
**Tandem \$144,548**

**Rush Truck Center (Mid-State Truck Equipment) – Single \$138,318**  
**Tandem \$153,418**

**Stoops – Single \$133,434**  
**Tandem \$155,506**

All bids were taken under advisement to see if they meet specifications as advertised. Tom Linkel motioned to consider said bids at the meeting scheduled for February 6, 2017, and said motion was seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Bid will be awarded at that meeting.

**PATTY JACKSON – SE IN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:** Patty Jackson presented the Community Block Grant Program Agreement Community Development Block Grant. The amount awarded was \$315,000 which was a little lower than they put in for so the matching amount required by the County was also lowered. The matching grant from the County will be \$18,325.00. Patty Jackson was here to get the grant agreement signed. Resolution was read into record. Motion for Tom Wilson to sign Grant Agreement made by Tom Linkel and seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Resolution of the County of Franklin, Indiana (Hereinafter Referred to as "Applicant" Authorizing the Submittal of the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG" Application to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority; Receipt of CDBG Funds; and Addressing Related Matters is attached hereto. Motion to sign the Resolution by Tom Wilson and seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Tom Wilson thanked Franklin County Council members for putting the money up for this project. Approximately twenty-one (21) Franklin County families will be helped. Tom Linkel motioned for Tom Wilson to sign the Grant Agreement, (documents that accompanied the Grant Agreement, such as the signature card, payroll authorization form, W-9, etc.) seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion to sign sub-agreement that all professional fees will be paid out of the grant made by Tom Linkel and seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**CORWYN THOMAS – CINTAS:** Presentation on a chemical unit program. It is a chemical rental machine that cost \$2.00 per week and holds various types of cleaners. The County would only pay for what is used. There is a Government Discount which would offer a savings to the County. The Commissioners stated they would need a price list and would get with Darren on the proposal and what we are spending now. We would have multiple buildings that this service could cover. The Commissioners will get back in touch with CINTAS after doing more research.

**Gary Wolf – Town Sidewalks:** Presentation by Gary Wolf in regards to what has happened over the last two years with the Town of Brookville and the State of Indiana with INDOT and the road/sidewalk project that is to begin this year. They have brought this matter to the Franklin County Commissioners attention because the County is a major property owner. The Main Street Merchants cannot get the answers they need and have even filed requests for public information. They usually get no response at all or the answers they do get are contradicting. Gary Wolf asked if the Town of Brookville has even contacted the County in regards to this project. Tom Wilson stated they have not. The question is "Who actually owns the sidewalks?" Tom Wilson stated that the Town gave their rights away to the sidewalks according to the Town's Ordinance. No documents have been recorded as of the date of this meeting. The Town of Brookville is actually one of the smallest property owners along Main Street. All requests they have made have been ignored. Right-of-ways stop at Connersville Avenue and was recorded back in the 1920's. The recorded easements are for the back of the buildings. Nathan Meyer stated that the plats were not recorded at least along Main Street. Property owners granted a 66 feet wide dedication for the roadway to the Town of Brookville. (Four property owners) The 66 foot strip goes from building to building. These were recorded. INDOT needs to have good title prior to project beginning. The Town has given the right-of-way over to the State. Gary Wolf stated they are stealing our property. Tom Linkel asked if anybody has



contacted the Project Engineer. Gary Wolf stated that they basically say they will do what they want. John Worth suggested calling the Attorney General. John Worth agreed to call them today (1-17-17). Kelly Leffingwell asked Tom Wilson if he believed that the Brookville Town Council was legal? Tom Wilson responded he did not believe they were legal, they were not council they are trustees.

**INVESTMENT POLICY – TREASURER:** Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer, presented an Investment Policy that is required to be in place by the Franklin County Board of Finance. It is the policy of the Treasurer to invest the public funds in a manner, which will provide a reasonable return on investment with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demand of the funds and conforming to all statutes and law governing the investment of public funds at the county level. Tom Wilson asked the Treasurer how she decides which investment to make and she responded that she inquires with multiple banks and looks for the best rate. We need to have a policy in place which shows we are following the proper procedures. Tom Wilson motioned that the Commissioners sign the Treasurer's Investment Policy, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2017:** Eric Roberts moved to approve the Minutes from January 3<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Tom Wilson. Tom Linkel abstained. Motion Carried.

**APPROVE PAYROLL –** Aaron Leffingwell inquired as to the Sheriff's new positions, a jailer, jail commander and dispatcher and if they are on this week's payroll. They were added to the Salary Ordinance during budget approval but were never filled due to the hiring freeze. The Sheriff has not asked County Council to fill those positions. There was an exemption in the Hiring Freeze Ordinance for the Sheriff department 911, but that was only for existing positions, not new. Tom Wilson asked Aaron Leffingwell if the positions were funded. Aaron Leffingwell further stated that there was a motion that no additional positions would be filled in 2017 unless they came before County Council. John Estridge stated that he remembered there was a discussion about this at the budget hearings but did not remember them actually doing a motion. Aaron Leffingwell stated that the Sheriff has been asked multiple times to come before County Council to fill those positions. Hiring Freeze says that nobody should be paid if they don't get the position approved by County Council and that (new positions) were not approved by County Council. Tom Linkel asked Aaron Leffingwell if his concern was with hiring the individual for the position or what line he is getting paid out of. Aaron responded with the hiring of the individual. The money was appropriated in the line during budget hearings, however this is a new position and according to the hiring freeze put in place three years ago or so, needs County Council approval. New positions must get County Council's blessing before they can be filled. Tom Wilson asked Aaron why did they appropriate the money. The whole purpose of appropriating the money is to hire that person. Aaron Leffingwell said that the Sheriff has had plenty of time to come to County Council and say on January 1<sup>st</sup> I want to fill that position, can I or can I not. Aaron Leffingwell said the procedures are not being followed. Eric Roberts stated that with the jail functioning at full capacity those positions need to be filled. Tom Linkel agrees. Tom Wilson stated that his opinion was that County Council is trying to over micromanage the Sheriff Department by making the Sheriff come before County Council

to get their blessing before hiring somebody. County Council should trust the Sheriff in his position that he will do only what he has been appropriated for. That goes for everybody. Tom Linkel's motions to approve payroll, seconded by Eric Roberts. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer, Veteran & Clerk's Report – December 2016:** Tom Wilson motion to approve all reports, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Presentation of the 2016 Bridge Inspection Report for signatures. Eric Roberts moved that they sign the cover sheet of the Phase II, Bridge Inspection Report for 2016, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**Reservoir and Keeler Road Drainage Project –** Quotes from contractors are due on January 25, 2017. As small as this project is they would like to not have to do a loan. All property owners will be assessed. There is still time to get the assessment on for this year. There are thirteen homes that will be assessed. Tom Linkel would like to see the assessment over 2 or 3 years. Becky Oglesby said this is something that can be discussed with County Council. There will be a drainage meeting on January 30, 2017. There will also be a drainage meeting on February 6, 2017 with Union County. Tom Linkel suggested County Council should discuss this at their next meeting. There will need to be a ten day notice prior to any additional.

**September Storm Replacement Bridge Projects –** Next deadline for additional to Auditor 2/2/2017

Culvert BR-1004, River Rd. = \$128,000 to \$148,000

Culvert HI-1402, River Rd. at Gobles Creek = \$176,000 to \$201,000

Culvert BR-1006, Richland Creek Rd. = \$224,000 to \$253,000

**Main Street, Brookville –** Construction signs are going up.

**BOVINE CLAIM AND UTILITY CLAIMS:** Motion to approve Bovine Claim by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts. All in favor, motion carried.

**2017 AREA OF RESPONSIBILITIES:** Transfer Station/Recycling, Senior Citizens/Public

Transportation, Small Animal Control – Tom Wilson

Gravel Pit and Highway – Tom Linkel

Courthouse/North Annex, Government Center, Old Senior Center Annex/Court Street Annex, Security Center and E-911 Communications – Eric Roberts

Tom Linkel motioned to approve the 2017 Area of Responsibilities, seconded by Tom Wilson. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Tom Linkel was appointed to Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Citizens and SE IN District-Board of Directors. Eric Roberts motioned to approve said appointments, seconded by Tom Wilson. All in favor, motion carried.

**CHRIS COLLINS:** Chris Collins with C&K Forestry Management, LLC, - Would like to walk the Commissioner's Property and give a proposal to the County for some timber.

**BUILDING WITHOUT PROPER PERMITS – DIRECT VIOLATION:** This matter was brought up at the APC meeting in October, 2016. It is a commercial building which changed the garage doors without going thru the State Fire Marshall inspection. Needs to be inspected for safety reasons. The Town of Brookville does have a Unified Building Code. Permits are needed to be in compliance. Contact has been made by phone to the business owner. The actual inspection would be conducted by Gary Marmouze, Sr., Building Inspector. Tom Wilson suggested the APC Board get with their attorney and do what they need to do. The business owner is an asset to this community. Tom Linkel agreed to go and see the business owner to discuss this matter.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** Tom Wilson motioned to sign the Homeland Security letter informing them that Larry J. Franzman resigned as Building Inspector/Executive Director on August 13, 2014, effective September 10, 2014, and get Gary Marmouze, Sr. is officially listed as our Building Inspector, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**BUCKEYE POWER SALES – MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (SHERIFF):** This is an agreement for the generator at a cost of \$945.00 for the year. Tom Wilson motioned to approve and sign the Maintenance Agreement with Buckeye Power Sales, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**LIEBERMAN TECHNOLOGIES – MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (SHERIFF):** This is a license agreement for tax warrants and cashbook. Tom Wilson motioned to approve and sign the Maintenance Agreement with Lieberman Technologies, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**OFFICIAL BONDS – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:** Official Bonds for Susan Jones, Matron; Ken Murphy, Sheriff and Jennifer Wolfrum, Assistant Matron. Each bond is in the amount of \$30,000. Tom Wilson motioned to approve all three bonds, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION:** CY 2017 Covered Bridge Certification of Franklin County. Franklin County has two covered bridges. Tom Wilson motioned to sign said certification, seconded by Eric Roberts. All in favor, motion carried.

**ERIC ROBERTS:** Quotes for a walk-in freezer shelves at that jail. Eric Roberts would like to purchase these. Eric Roberts motioned for approval to purchase the four shelving units for a total cost of \$580.00, seconded by Tom Linkel. All in favor, motion carried.

**RICK DURHAM –** Presentation on consultant options available to the County for projects. He will get a proposal ready for the County.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A statement was made by Betty Lecher as to whether or not County Council had control over money already appropriated.

**AARON LEFFINGWELL:** Aaron Leffingwell wanted the Franklin County Commissioners to beware of the procedural flaws the Republican Party had during a caucus they held on January 14, 2017, to appoint a County Auditor following the resignation of Steve Brack.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Waltz, Ted Cooley, Corwyn Thomas, Brendan Ward, Tara Keys, Betty C. Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Dave Schwegman, Rick Durham, Perry Knox, Lori Lischke, Keith Hazelwood, Patty Jackson, Veronica Voelker, Tim George, Gary Wolf, John Estridge, Becky Oglesby, Cody Ritz, Sara Duffy, Aaron Leffingwell, Mark Lowe, Terri Ferro, Chris Collins

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2017 ACCEPTED.**

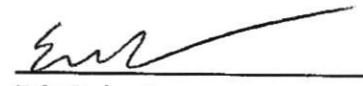
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Carol Westerman, Commissioner's Secretary

Attested:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Commissioner's meeting

January 3, 2017 10:00am

1010 Franklin Ave Room 203

Commissioners in attendance- Tom Wilson and Eric Roberts

Commissioners Secretary – Carl Westerman was absent. Veronica Volker filled in as Secretary.

Others in attendance- Mildred Simmermeyer, Mark Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Brent Roberts, Karla Bauman

Tom Wilson opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Joe presented his letter to homeowner Tracey Hunt for the Commissioners to sign. Tracey Hunt requested this letter stating that his name is removed from the Drainage Assessment for Reservoir Rd and Keeler Rd.

Tom Wilson moved to sign the letter Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved –Eric Roberts motioned and Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ted Cooley- Update on Reservoir Rd and Keeler Rd project. Deadline for quotes is January 31, 2017. Snow plow safety- See attached sheet.

Yearly appointments –These are appointments that will expire on 12/31/2017

Ted Cooley for Franklin County Engineer- Tom Wilson Moved to accept this appointment and Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Justin Ball for Highway Foreman District #1, Brian DeFosset for Highway Foreman District #2, and Kent Ruf for Highway Foreman for District #3. Tom Wilson moved to accept these appointments and Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reappoint Ray Halpin to Transfer Station- Tom Wilson motioned to reappoint Ray Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reappoint Sam Wyatt to be the Veteran Service Coordinator, part time. Tom Wilson motioned to accept and Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ken Murphy for E911 Coordinator. Tom Wilson moved to accept reappointment and Eric Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ed Hollenbach for EMA Director, part-time. Tom Wilson moved to accept reappointment and Eric Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>

Eric Roberts for Region 9 Workforce Board. Tom Wilson moved to accept reappointment Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Robert Brack for Park Board. Tom Wilson moved to accept reappointment Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marty Mullin for Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Citizens. Tom Wilson moved to accept the reappointment and Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Reappointment for SE IN Recycling District- Board of Directors is tabled

Eric Roberts for Southeastern Indiana Private Industry. Tom Wilson moved to accept and Eric Roberts 2nd

Bill Schirmer for Regional and Local Economic Development Commission. Tom Wilson moved to accept and Eric Roberts 2nd

Bill Schirmer, Jake Linkel and Tim George for Economic Redevelopment Commission. Tom Wilson moved to accept and Eric Roberts 2nd

Dr. Mike Frain's reappointment for Health board is tabled to the next meeting.

Tom Wilson motion to sign the Bond for the Clerk, Karla Bauman, for \$60,000 for one year. Eric Roberts 2nd

Roy Hall asked Tom Wilson to talk to the Cemetery Board about Liability Insurance. There is no insurance on the cemeteries right now. Recently a tree fell on a trailer on the corner of Johnson Fork Rd and Drewersburg Rd. States made counties responsible for Pioneer Cemeteries. Roy Hall stated that this is the third time that a tree has fallen. The tree that hit the trailer fell because it has Ash-borer Disease. Roy Hall asked that the Commissioners and trustees sit down and discuss this.

Governor Pence received a letter from the Auditor, Steve Brack, that he was resigning and his last day is Dec 31, 2016. There will be a caucus Saturday morning at 9am to appoint someone into the Auditor's position. John Worth will notify all the precinct committee members. To apply, there is a form in the Clerk's office that needs to be filled out and hand delivered to John Worth. John Worth says there should be a resolution that states that newly elected Auditors can approve payroll.

Payroll was approved and check on one employee's comp time from Highway. Tom Wilson Moved and Eric Roberts 2nd

Tom Wilson moved to adjourn and Eric Roberts 2nd.


**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2017  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Wilson, absent.

The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

**Open Bids – Keeler/Reservoir Road:** Bids were opened for the Keeler/Reservoir Ditch. Bids were as follows:

Darren Gunter Excavating: \$14,474.20

Copperhead Excavating: \$18,590.00

K-3 Complete, LLC: \$19,466.00

Earthworks, LLC: \$23,643.18

Motion by Tom Linkel to take all bids under advisement until the February 13, 2017 meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. The Commissioners need to decide how the project will be funded.

Motion to close regular commissioners meeting and open Drainage Board meeting by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Wehr Ditch:** Joe Gillespie stated that Wehr ditch is a drain located along State Line Rd. and we are constantly have maintenance issues with a segment of it. It is really shallow in that area and every spring we have a hole or two we have to fix. All funds have been used up. We are proposing an assessment of \$2,000 on that drain. Eric Roberts asked if \$2,000 was enough. The \$2,000 should last two or three years for the maintenance. No property owners present objected. Tom Linkel motioned to move for assessment of \$2,000 on the Wehr Ditch, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**Henning Ditch:** Joe Gillespie also presented a proposed assessment for Henning Ditch. The tile was replaced twenty years ago, with constant holes popping up. The proposed assessment for maintenance on the East Arm of this ditch is \$2,000. No property owners present objected. Tom Linkel moved to have a \$2,000 assessment put on the East Arm of the Henning Ditch, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

Becky Oglesby stated the Commissioners should look into using the General Maintenance Ditch Fund. Joe Gillespie has suggested using that fund for the Reservoir/Keeler Ditch project.

Tom Linkel moved to close the Drainage Board Meeting and open the regular commissioners meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts.

**Project Engineer – Town of Brookville – Main Street Project:** Tom Linkel invited representatives from INDOT to Franklin County Commissioners meeting to answer questions and concerns that Franklin County citizens and Main Street Merchants have in regards to the upcoming road project on Main Street. John Newman presented a short history of the town of Brookville. Brookville was a town before Franklin County was a County and before Indiana was a State. With courthouse fires, etc., some of original documents from the early 1800's are missing. A recorded download of the discussion between INDOT and those present is available from the Franklin County Auditor. Tom Linkel called for a five minute recess following this discussion.

**Regular Commissioner Meeting re-opened:**

**Cathy Pelsor – Public Transportation – Quarterly Report:** Cathy Pelsor presented the commissioners with the Public Transportation Quarterly Report. Eric Roberts moved to accept the Public Transportation Quarterly Report, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.

**Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer – Annual Investment Report:** Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer presented the Annual Investment Report to the Board of Finance. The total of investments for the County is 2.4 million. The investments do reflect the \$300,000 that was taken out for Cum Bridge. Commissioners acknowledge receiving said report.

**Minutes – Approval:** Tom Linkel misread the Shirks International Bid during the January 17, 2017 commissioners meeting. Mr. Linkel stated \$129,677 for single and \$151,529 for tandem. The correct amount of the bids are \$125,533.51 for single and \$143,282.68 for tandem. Mr. Linkel apologized for misreading the quote incorrectly. The January 17, 2017 minutes will be amended to reflect the incorrect amounts that were stated.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. The Commissioners will be working on changing the end of the pay period from Friday to Thursday which will allow the payroll to be turned into the Auditor's office by Friday. This will give the Auditor time to verify the payroll vouchers prior to presenting to the Commissioners for approval. Eric Roberts would also like to see an adjustment to how the end-of-year claims get paid.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve all claims, with the exception of holding Light Tech - \$12,500 payment – need to do a final walk thru (LED lighting), by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.

**100 – R – 2016 Employee Compensation List:** Eric Roberts moved to post the 2016 100-R Employee Compensation List, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried. The 100-R will be posted in each of the government owned buildings.

**Employee Health Insurance Reimbursement:** In completing payroll deductions, it was discovered in the Auditor's office that an employee has had his health insurance deducted from his paycheck, both Pre-tax and Post-tax (twice) since October 4, 2013. As a result of the deductions being taken out twice, the County owes the employee \$2,000.00. The Auditor has asked the Commissioners to file a claim so the employee can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

**Resolution 2017-2 – Amended 2017 Holiday Schedule:** The Holiday Schedule was amended designating December 26, 2017 for (Christmas Eve). Eric Roberts moved to approve Resolution 2017-02 Amended Holiday Schedule. Tom Linkel seconded, all in favor.

**Chris Collins – Forestry Management, LLC:** Mr. Collins presented the Commissioners with Two (2) proposals for removing timber from County properties. Tom Linkel suggested they advertise the project for bids. A notice will be published for the timber with the sealed bids due 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2017.

**Internal Controls:** Eric Roberts will get with the Auditor to set-up another internal control meeting. Deadline for filing with the State is March 1, 2017.

**Rumpke Service Agreement – Jail:** This is a three year contract for a 3 yard dumpster at a cost of \$58.30 per month. Tom Linkel moved for Eric Roberts to sign the Rumpke Service Agreement, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**Consultant Agreement – The Wheatley Group LLC & Economic Development Commission:** Changes to the agreement from 2016 include:  
60 day notice of termination was removed; travel expense was removed  
Public Access – cannot contract against Public Access Law – this will be added back in. Renewal of agreement was moved to February 6, 2017.

**Public Comments:**

Harry Graves asked if the Commissioners were approached about the courthouse trees that are marked for removal. They have not been approached. The question is who owns the trees. Harry Graves is concerned about four documents (plats) that are not identifiable. Mr. Graves just wants one document picked. The Commissioners will ask INDOT for those answers.

Mildred Simmermeyer asked if the Wheatley Group has produced any benefits, visible benefits. Eric Roberts said no.

Butch Williams wanted to comment on the newspaper article written two weeks ago, January 18, 2017, concerning the EMS contract. The Commissioners have agreed to contract with EMS for twice the amount of money than last year and where is the money going to come from to fund that. Both Commissioners acknowledged that funding was an issue after presenting to County Council. Mr. Williams also wanted to address the comment made by a County Council member suggesting that the Drewersburg Fire Department and EMS should be closed down

**Karla J. Bauman, Auditor**



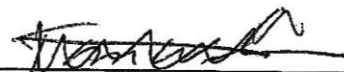
and perhaps a contract with Harrison Fire Department be done. Mr. Williams gave a brief history of the Drewersburg Fire Department and how successful they have been. Mr. Williams also commented about the new public safety tax that was implemented to help pay for the EMS services. Every person who volunteers their time as a fire fighter or EMS is a hero in his book. Eric Roberts commented that it is their job as commissioners to provide EMS services to the county. Becky Oglesby commented that the public safety tax that is received is currently being used to fund the Sheriff Department. Mr. Schirmer will be attending a commissioners meeting in the near future to present the EMS financial report.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom Linkel motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Ike Deburger, Lance Erhart, Jessi Hill, Rob O'Mara, Scott Works, Travis Martin, Nicolette Mendenhall, Marjorie Millman, Donald Millman, Donald West, Tom Davis, John J. Newman, Ray Kersey, Harry Graves, Jim Crawford, Dick Crawford, Ralph Wulber, Jennifer Edwards, Kirk Womack, Jr., Jim Albertz, Tim Rosenberger, William E. Murray, Martha Shea, Cathy Pelsor, Tammy Davis, Darrell Flaspohler, Tim Ripperger, Sam Schuck, Curtis Ward, Rene Stivers, Sara Duffy, Jim Lubic, George Grimmeissen, Rick Gill, Ray Lohrey, Paul Nobbe, Phil Nobbe, Greg Korner, Sr., Beth Seibert, Bob O'Bryan, Brent Riehle, Martin Smith, Nancy Main, Chris Collins, Earl Stenger, Jr., Ed Derickson, Becky Oglesby, Veronica Voelker, Butch Williams, Ron Schneider, Nathan Meyer. Four names were not recognizable.

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2017 ACCEPTED.**

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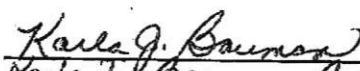
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Susan Craig, SIRPC – Batesville Area Resource Center – Public Hearing:** Susan Craig has been working with the Batesville Area Resource Center for providing medical needs to those with financial need. The next phase of the project is to rehabilitate the remainder of the space. The Franklin County Commissioners have agreed to apply for the CDBG grant funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The local match for this grant will be funds raised by the Batesville Area Resource Center. Ms. Craig presented a Notice of Intent to Submit CDBG Application. Tom Linkel motioned that the Commissioners sign the Letter of Intent for the CDBG application, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Award Truck Bids – Highway:** Shirks International was awarded the Truck Bid in the sum of \$125,533.51 for single axle and \$143,282.68 for tandem. Motion to Award the contract, ordering the chassis, and contingent upon County Council approval was made by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion to release the check filed for the bid bond to Shirks International by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Quit-Claim Deed (Leroy Seevers):** Lowell McMillin presented a Quit-Claim Deed for the Commissioners to sign a 2.60 acre tract back to Leroy Seevers. Somehow this 2.60 tract was transferred to the County back in 1983 with the recording of the Permanent Right of Way Grant. This Quit-Claim Deed transfers the 2.60 acres back to Mr. Seevers, subject to the Grantor's (County) Permanent Right-Of-Way. Motion to approve and sign the Quit-claim Deed on the property of Leroy Seevers by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

**Ted Cooley – Franklin County Engineer Update: Reservoir Road and Keeler Road Storm Sewer Project –** Project Costs - \$15,000; Easement Cost - \$15,000

Tom Linkel does not remember seeing any amounts for Easement Costs. Eric Roberts stated that the Easement Costs were not discussed. The commissioners do not believe that the property value would be reduced and Mr. Erfman agreed that if the project was good for all property owners, he would agree to it so long as he receives four hook-ups and is not a part of the assessment. An Easement for Mr. Erfman needs to be prepared. Funding for the project is still an issue for getting the assessment put on the Spring taxes. Tom Wilson would like to do an additional from County Council's contingency fund to cover the entire project and then have

the assessments paid receipted back to that fund. Tom Wilson motioned to do the additional, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**FHWA FY-2021 Projects:** Need to start the consultant process. This is a new Federal Highway Project. INDOT is developing new funding to lessen FHWA over-site of project. The money will flow thru the State and filter down to the local level.

St. Mary's Road and Bridge rehabilitation project Brookville to Levee Rd. – 80/20

Guardrail installation on St. Mary's Rd and Blue Creek Rd – 90/10

Bridge #163 Retaining Wall Replacement Project, Water Street, Oldenburg – Completed

Tom Wilson asked how we are on pipe. Ted Cooley will do an inventory of all pipe. Tom Linkel would like Ted Cooley at the next meeting to discuss the low water crossings.

**Nathan Meyer, Surveyor – Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Road:** Revisions were made to the Petition to Vacate a Portion of Public Way, known as Lower Smokey Hollow Road with a new legal description, survey identifying the turnaround and the agreement with REMC. Item number six (6) was added in regards to the turnaround granting a permanent right-of-way to the County Commissioners and Franklin County Highway Department for turn-around purposes at the northern end of Lower Smokey Hollow road that will remain open to public use. An ordinance will need to be prepared for the next meeting. Motion to approve the Petition to vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Road by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Jeff Meyer Drainage Ditch:** Jeff Meyer petitioned the County back in October 2016 to establish a drainage ditch area. Need a watershed determination done and property owners affected. This ditch will be meshed with the Dare Ditch. Received a \$2,500 quote from Rob Sieg to perform the watershed determination which will determine the assessment for each property owner. Commissioners paid for the last determination from professional services. Tom Wilson thinks the drain maintenance fund should be used for this purpose instead of the Keeler Rd. project. Eric Roberts motioned that Nathan sign the agreement with Rob Sieg for surveying the Jeff Meyer Ditch and for \$2,500 to be paid out of the General Drainage Fund, to be repaid by the assessments, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Government Center Roof:** Eric Roberts discussed the damage to the Government Center Roof caused by the buzzards. The insurance company has agreed to pay \$29,500. We have received quotes from Eckstein for the replacement and/or repair of said roofs. White rubber will replace the black.

Roof #1: Repair - \$3,600 and Replacement - \$10,134

Roof #2: Replacement - \$15,688

Eric Roberts suggests that we replace both for a total cost of \$25,822 which is less than the amount we will receive from the insurance. The Breezeway will cost \$2,900 to replace. Eric Robert's motion would be to do it all, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Approve Minutes – January 17, 2017 (Revised); January 30, 2017.** Motion to approve January 30<sup>th</sup> minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts. Tom Wilson abstained. Motion carried. Tom Linkel motioned to approve January 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Consultant Agreement – The Wheatley Group, LLC & Economic Development Commission:** Revisions discussed at the January 30<sup>th</sup> have not been received. No action taken.

**Southeastern IN Economic Opportunity Corp – Appointment:** Tom Cooney has resigned from the SIEOC Board. The Commissioners will need to make another appointment. Tom Wilson motioned to accept the resignation of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Anybody interested in serving on this board should contact the Commissioners.

**INDOT Main Street Project:** Tom Wilson wanted an update on the project since he was not present at the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and what decisions were made in regards to the sidewalks. Tom Linkel stated that there were no decisions made during that meeting. Tom Wilson asked who would retain the ownership of sidewalks after the project. Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts both stated that they don't believe the County owns the sidewalks in front of their property now, according to the documents. Tom Linkel stated that his concerns to INDOT were the vaults under the sidewalks and the signage above the sidewalks and they (INDOT) indicated that nothing would change from how it is now.

**Daryl Kramer:** Asked that his name be removed from the County Website and when would the minutes from County Council and Commissioners from several months in 2016 be put on there. Karla Bauman stated that the County Website is not "user friendly" and suggested that the County get an updated Website that is maintained and easy to use. She has already talked to the County's IT, Ramzi, in this regard. Commissioners agreed to looking into getting a new website that is easier to use. Meanwhile, Veronica Voelker, will be asked to remove Daryl's name from the current County Website and updating County Council and Commissioner's minutes.

**Tom Wilson – Army Corps of Engineers:** The State may come thru with some more properties that will be available for lease. Would be beneficial to Franklin County due to the taxes lost when the Lake was built. Tom Wilson asked if this was something the Wheatley Group could be involved with.

**Public Comment:** John Estridge asked if the Commissioners had read the Hiring Freeze. He believes there are many parts of it illegal and that County Council has overstepped their bounds. Tom Wilson agreed as well as the County Attorney. Mr. Wilson was told that County Council could rescind that ordinance at their next meeting and if they don't, that we (Commissioners) need to take action. Mr. Wilson doesn't believe the wages of an employee can be withheld. Tom Linkel agrees.

**Tom Linkel:** Made a public apology to IMI. He has personally spoken to Eddie Moster about past issues and he would like to see IMI back and doing business with Franklin County. In the

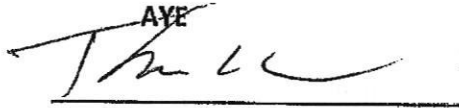
past, IMI has done us a lot of good. They are a good partner for Franklin County. When our loader was broken down, they let us borrow theirs. When we are out of salt, in the middle of the night, they have heated up sand. IMI is a good business and I hope we can do business with them again in the future. Tom Wilson agrees.

**Adjourn:** Motion for Tom Wilson to adjourn, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Others In Attendance:** Mark Lowe, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Lisa Haëssig, Angela Byers, Sara Duffy, Susan Craig, Ted Cooley, Delores Dobbs, Glen Bischoff, Daryl Kramer, Marty E.

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2017 ACCEPTED.**

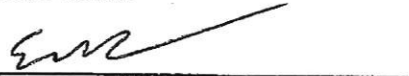
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**Attested:**



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Aaron Bell, Southeastern IN Recycling – Annual Report:** Aaron Bell presented the annual report for Southeastern IN Recycling to the Commissioners.

**Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation – Annual Report:** Cathy Pelsor presented the annual report for Public Transportation. Motion to accept Annual Report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Tom Linkel motioned for Tom Wilson to sign the Grant refund for \$2009.00, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Nathan Meyer, Surveyor – Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow, Ordinance 2017-3:**

**Keeler Road Drainage/Erfman:** Mr. Erfman will only agree to the terms on both pages that he presented for the granting of an easement, which includes the \$15,000 compensation. It is prudent that the June 2014 minutes and the petition to remove obstruction are reviewed. Tom Wilson stated we will not pay for an easement. Tom Linkel's thoughts on this is that if Mr. Erfman will not sign the easement without compensation, then he will go back to reposition his decision on the original petition and then it will become an intentional obstruction. He will then be responsible for fixing it. There will be a follow-up discussion on this project and the financing at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Ordinance 2017-3:** Nathan Meyer requested the Petition to Vacate Smokey Hollow Road be attached to the Ordinance when it is recorded. Motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2017-3 vacating a portion of Smokey Hollow Road by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve February 6, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Update on Reservoir and Keeler Road Storm Sewer Project was given by Nathan Meyer (see above).

**Mitchell Avenue Culvert Repair Project** – Will begin next Tuesday or Wednesday (Need a BAC line set up for \$5,000.)

**County Lower Water Crossings –**

1. RA-0401, Washington Street Oldenburg – exist. 3'X7.7' opening, need 7.5'X7.7' opening (Dead End – Take it out and don't have it as a low water crossing.)
2. BU-2401, Walnut Fork Rd – off Pipe Creek Rd. – exist. 2-24" CMP, need 30'X4' BOX
3. HI-3601, County Line Rd – west of Blue Creek Rd. – exist. 3-24" CMP, need 8-24" CMP (The worse of three structures.)

**Culvert SP-3601, State Line Road –**

Drains 173 Acres

Existing 8.2' X 2.5' 3 sided 0.7 Cover

Recommend – 6' X 3' Concrete Box Culvert = \$6840.00 at 6.5 ton need crane

**Community Crossing Grant – Overruns:** Transfer money from one project to another project to pay for any outstanding invoices (overruns).

**Blue Creek – Federal Highway Grant:** Would like to put in the next round of 50/50 money. Tom Linkel wants to separate the 50/50 money for 2016 projects and the 2017 projects. The only project we currently have money for is the River Road project.

**Holiday Schedule:** Motion to approve by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**DSS Corporation Agreement – E911:** A proposed bid from DSS Corporation to upgrade the hardware and their implementation schedule, with a five year service agreement for Sheriff Department was tabled until March 6, 2017 meeting. A motion to table the two quotes from DSS by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

**Ordinance Drafts: Resolution for Holiday Donations –** Check with SBOA to make sure it is okay. Will need to be done for March 6, 2017 meeting.

**Economic Development Income Tax Fund – 2017, 2018 & 2019 –** Three (3) year plan for Economic Development tax distribution from EDIT. Tom Wilson proposed \$70,000 annually for the next three (3) years. Eric Roberts would like to set aside an additional \$70,000 in a special BAC line. A draft of said ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

**Wheatley Consulting Agreement:** Motion to sign consultant agreement for 2017 in the sum of \$80,000 for Economic Development consultation, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Approve Minutes – February 6, 2017:** Motion to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**VSO Report – January:** Tom Wilson motions to acknowledge receipt of the Veteran's Report filed by Sam Wyatt, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve Payroll with the condition that the Coroner's payroll be emailed to commissioners when filed with the Auditor by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Roy Hall – Liability on Cemeteries:** Pioneer Cemetery Law – makes the County responsible for maintaining/liability on cemeteries prior to 1880.

**Lew Wallace Park:** Becky Oglesby asked if there were any plans to add this to the Franklin County Park duties. Tom Wilson stated there were no plans to add this to the Park. Eric Roberts stated that additional help would be hired during the summer to help with landscaping clean-up/maintenance thru the mowing season.

**John Estridge:** Question about the change in how payroll will be processed. The first week will have nine days of pay and the second payroll following the change will have ten days of pay. Payroll for a week will end on a Thursday instead of Friday as it is currently done allowing the Auditor the proper time to review and audit it prior to presenting to Commissioner's at their Monday morning meeting.

**EMS Contract:** Clean up the contract that has already been prepared and presented to County Council last month. Tom Linkel suggested a new contract for nine (9) months for \$25,000 a month for a total of \$225,000.00, with removing the "to the best of their ability" and Rescue 10's territory. Tom Linkel motioned to prepare a new contract for the next meeting at \$25,000 per month, for nine (9) months and clean it up, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

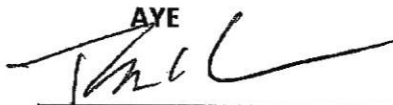
**Timber Contract (Advertisement for Bids):** The bids are currently due on February 27, 2017. It cannot be verified that Chris Collins is certified forestry. Eric Roberts suggested the bids be opened on the 27<sup>th</sup> and taken under advisement. Tom Wilson will be in charge of getting a forester lined up.

**Adjourn:** Tom Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Others in Attendance:** Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Donnie Jones, Aaron Bell, John Estridge, Ruthie Mannix, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Sara Duffy, Nathan Meyer, Becky Oglesby, Tim George, Gary Solar.

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2017 ACCEPTED.**

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor  
February 27, 2017

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Ray Halpin:** Ray Halpin lives in the historic district of Metamora and before he can do any construction to his home he is required to get the approval of the Franklin County Commissioners. Motion to approve Ray Halpin's addition to his house by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Correction to Minutes** (February 13, 2017): Culvert SP-3601, State Line Rd – Recommend – 6'X3' Concrete Box Culvert = \$6,840.00 (instead of \$684.00) and under John Estridge: The First week will have nine days of pay and second payroll following the change will have ten (instead of eleven) days. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Clerk & Treasurer (January) Report:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk and Treasurer's January report by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Nathan Meyer, County Surveyor:** Reservoir Road/Keeler Road Drainage issue – The main thing that Nathan has found in reviewing all of the minutes on this issue is that the petition to remove obstruction filed by Mr. Jones cannot be found. The minutes from the May 27, 2014 Commissioner's meeting has a handwritten note from the former auditor, Steve Brack, acknowledging receipt of the petition from Mr. Jones. In the typed minutes from that same meeting (May 27<sup>th</sup>) it states that neither the Drainage Board nor the Surveyor could find the petition filed by Mr. Jones. It is up to the Drainage Board, however, if this matter goes for judicial review as the law allows, we may not have our ducks in a row. It might be necessary for Mr. Jones to file another petition. Mr. Roberts asked if the petitioner asks in person for the removal of an obstruction, does that not constitute the same as filing a petition. Does it have to be in writing? The law only states that the petitioner may file a petition which describes the tract of land and seeks the removal of the obstruction. Mr. Meyer also stated a few things he thought the Commissioners should be aware of as far as the process goes. We are now acting under a different drainage board and different surveyor. Mr. Meyer is looking at this as if it will be reviewed by the court. Mr. Wilson does not believe that a new petition needs to be filed. Mr. Roberts believes from this point forward we need to have better documentation for this



process. Mr. Meyer stated if the Board agrees to move forward the next step is to remove the obstruction. At some point in the 2014 meetings, discussions turned to finding a remedy or solution to the problem and the law does not allow for that. The law simply states that the obstruction is to be removed. The drainage code in regards to "obstructions" do not allow for assessment against the surrounding landowners as has been discussed in the past. The law does not allow for that, just the removal of the obstruction. Mr. Wilson stated that the removal would be removing that 10" pipe. Mr. Meyer stated that the removal of the 10" pipe would be of minimal cost. The Drainage Board or representative does have the right-of-entry and an easement is not necessary. Mr. Roberts asked if Mr. Jones has an obstruction in his tile that drains his basement. He further feels that this needs to be ruled out before we go any further. The problem could be all his own. Mr. Meyer will check out the elevation of Mr. Jones' basement and try to have those answers by Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Drainage Board Meeting has been set for March 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer:** There are eight projects under the 50/50 grant for milling on the decks out to the contractors. Discussion was had about whether or not to rent a milling machine or wait and see if the contractors have their own machinery. It was discussed to leave it in the contracts. They will bid separately with eight contracts. The contractors are getting very busy. Bids will be opened in two weeks. None of the projects are over \$25,000 and it is only necessary to get quotes. However, the contracts will be advertised since the combined total is over \$25,000. Mr. Linkel stated the importance of getting "right-of-entry" before entering on any property.

The River Road Bridge - County Council will put money in place in Cum Cap Bridge in the sum of \$375,000 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. For example, Bridge 155 - Cedar Grove - Mr. Roberts questioned the sufficiency rating and why build a "throw away" bridge that will only last about 40 years (galvanized steel built bridge). Why not build a bridge that will last 80 years. Mr. Cooley stated he can get an alternative bid for a concrete deck, but there have been problems with concrete too. Down on River Road there are a lot of trees that are going to need to be cut.

Mr. Roberts discussed that the embankment has shifted on Bridge 155 - Cedar Grove from the storms we had this past Fall. Mr. Linkel questioned what the total cost for the project would be and should this project be saved for the 2017 50/50 project list. It was asked if the labor will be done by Highway Department and a minimal cost for materials. Mr. Cooley will report back on March 6<sup>th</sup>. There was additional discussion that was not audible on the recording from the meeting.

Three account lines will be set up in Cum Bridge for Various Bridges and Culverts for contractual services and supplies. The \$300,000 CD that was cashed will be appropriated, if approved, at the County Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Chris Collins - Forestry:** Before Mr. Collins read his bid, Mr. Roberts asked if we were going to go with a licensed forester. Mr. Linkel's opinion is that after speaking with Mr. Collins he is okay with opening the bid. Mr. Collins has agreed to write a check and the check being cashed

before any trees are harvested. Mr. Roberts was contacted by at least one other logger who felt they didn't have a fair playing field because Mr. Collins already has an easement. Mr. Roberts does not feel there has been a fair opportunity to get the best price. Mr. Roberts would rather use a certified forester thru the State. Mr. Collins is certified, but is not a licensed forester. There are thirty-three (33) trees already marked with pink paint. Motion to allow Mr. Collins to turn in his bid for the Transfer Station property, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed. Motion carried. The bid was opened with a cost of \$36,500 (roughly 15,000 board feet) or \$1,106.00 per tree. Motion to take bid under advisement of \$36,500 for thirty-three (33) trees until our next meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup>, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

**Roy Hall – Cemeteries:** The County has liability insurance on the cemeteries that have been deeded to the County. Roy Hall's insurance carrier is telling him that they cannot provide him with liability insurance because the Township does not have a deed to the cemetery. The question is who owns the cemeteries. The property owner in question that had the tree fall on her home, there is no owner of record found. If a property owner deeds the cemetery to the county, do we have to take it. Roy Hall is taking care of all cemeteries in his township that have county road access. Eric Roberts asked if Roy had any deeded property (cemeteries) in Whitewater Township. There are some farmers in Whitewater Township that have cemeteries in their field and that they are paying taxes on it. Tom Wilson stated that liability insurance will not cover an act of God. The cemetery in question is a pioneer cemetery.

**Bill Schirmer – Wheatley Contract & EMS Contract:** There is a contract in place for the Wheatley Group. There was a discussion in regards to the EMS contract. 2 or 3 changes to the contract, reducing the total amount for EMS services for the year to \$262,500.00. This contract is for the remaining 9 months at \$25,000.00 per month. There was Motion to sign EMS contract as written, contingent upon County Council approval by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Official Bond – Clerk:** Motion to approve and sign the Clerk's Bond by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**DSS Corporation Agreement – E911:** There were two options, a three year and a five year plan for Communication Recording System, including maintenance. Motion for Eric Roberts to sign the DSS Corporation Agreement for 911, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Ordinance 2017-04 – Leave of Absence Without Pay:** Eric Roberts wanted one change in regards to the approval of an absence without pay. He felt the Department Head/Elected Official should be the one approving it. Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 an ordinance amending the Personnel Handbook – Authorizing 90 day Leave of Absence (with changes), authorized by Supervisor, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

**Letter – Ray Mason (Keeler/Reservoir Drainage Area):** A letter to Mr. & Mrs. Ray Mason acknowledging that their property located at 10043 Keeler Road, will not be included within the

drainage area of the proposed drainage improvements on the Jerome Erfman and Don Jones properties. Motion to sign the letter by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Surplus Equipment:** The White's auction is coming up on April 8, 2017. We will need a consignment list and pictures by the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Currently we have the Sheriff's boat and some vehicles. Do we have any other pieces of large equipment and do we want to put a reserve on the boat. It was decided to put a reserve on the boat.

**INDOT – Right of Entry:** There was a discussion on the Right of Entry for the State of Indiana (Department of Highways) to temporarily stockpile R-35255 concrete spoils (i.e. sidewalk curb) at the Franklin County Recycling Center. Dave O'Mara would be the contractor. Tabled.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**John Estridge:** He was approached by a County official who says the Area Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals do not have jurisdiction over anything having to do with Brookville because Brookville has not adopted the County's Zoning Code. Tom Wilson said that Laurel has adopted the Code fully. The other Towns have not. We do not have a unified code at this time.

There was a further discussion about the change in payroll ending on a Thursday and the possible loss of overtime for highway employees.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Others in Attendance:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Ray Kersey, Sara Duffy, Ted Cooley, Bill Schirmer and Nathan Meyer.

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2017 ACCEPTED.**

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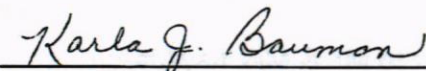
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2017**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Absent: Tom Linkel

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Approve Minutes – February 13, 2017 (revised) and February 27, 2017:** Motion to accept revised minutes from February 13, 2017 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. Motion to accept minutes from February 27, 2017 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report – February:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for February by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:**

Bridge Repair Projects, 8 Bridges in Franklin County – Ted Cooley presented bid package for signature. Motion to sign bid package by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

Bridge Deck Overlay Projects, Up to 12 Bridges in Franklin County (Commissioners changed to up to 8 Bridges during meeting.) – Ted Cooley presented bid package for signature. Motion to sign bid package by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. (Minutes Amended March 13, 2017 to reflect this change.)

Culvert SP-3601, State Line Road – Presentation of estimate – last of April payment acceptable  
Recommend – 8'X3' Concrete Box Culvert = \$7992.00 – need 8.5 ton crane  
Existing – 8.2'X2.5' 3 sided 0.7 Cover  
Drain 173 acres

Culvert BR-1004 Replacement Project, River Road – Account funded last Tuesday for \$150,000 for CCMG 2017

Option #1: US Bridge – GALV STEEL W GALVANIZED GRID DECK	\$181,000
Option #2: E & H weathering steel bridge/deck	\$165,000

Option #4: Concrete Slab Bridge Deck	\$146,000
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Option #5: 3-9' or 10' Dia Steel Tanks, Blocks/grouted riprap inlet Wingwalls with cutoff wall	\$107,000
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Mitchell Avenue Culvert Repair Project – finished by weeks end



County Low Water Crossings – working on estimates

Road School Week – Ted Cooley may attend 1 day

Snow Hill Road – It was reported on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, that there was a slide area that needs to be looked at immediately. Mr. Cooley will look at it today (3-6-17) to determine if it is safe or not. If it is determined not to be safe, the road will be closed.

**Official Bond – Coroner:** Motion to Approve and Sign the Bond for the Coroner by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-05 – Establishing a Donation Fund:**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05 – Establishing a Donation Fund for Franklin County, Indiana by Tom Wilson. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Southeastern IN Economic Opportunity Corporation – Appointment:** Motion to appoint Alta Proffit to the Southeastern IN Economic Opportunity Corporation by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.

There was a discussion about changing the payroll cycle. It is being suggested that the payroll ending day be changed from Friday to Thursday to allow enough time for the Auditor to properly review and audit the payroll prior to the Commissioners meeting on Monday morning. This would change for the pay cycle ending on March 23, 2017.

Mildred Simmermeyer asked when there will be discussions on the health insurance benefits for the employees. Mr. Roberts indicated that they will be watching to see what happens with Obamacare. Mr. Wilson stated the plan renewal is in September and will be signed during a public meeting.

Eric Roberts has been contacted by a civic organization about waiving the trash pick-up fees. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Sara Duffy asked how the County will let the citizens know if Snow Hill Road needs to be closed. The Commissioners stated that notification will be thru Nixle and if it will be long term, they will notify the media.

Jana Selke thanked the Commissioners and County for their hard work.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

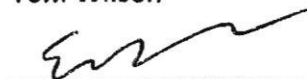
**Others in Attendance:** Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, John Estridge

Minutes for March 6, 2017 Accepted.

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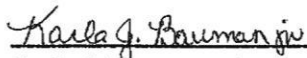
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Abstain: Tom Linkel

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 13, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Jane Barker – RMD Life Insurance:** Jane Barker presented a Voluntary Life Insurance benefit to be offered to full-time county employees thru payroll deduction. She would need to meet with all employees in a group setting. There would be no health questions asked and no rate changes for this insurance. The employees not wishing to sign up for the insurance coverage would need to sign a waiver. Coverage would be effective immediately and the payroll deduction would be paid one month up front. Eric Roberts suggested that all "voluntary benefit" insurance providers meet with county employees on one day.

**Chris Collins – Timber:** There was a discussion in regards to the bidding process. Sara Duffy addressed the Board about being prudent when making this decision. Chris Collins also made a statement defending his proposed bid. Motion to seek out a forester and to not accept Chris Collins' bid for \$25,000 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Open Bids – 8 Bridge Projects:** All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. Motion to take all bids under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Drainage Board – Keeler/Reservoir Road:** Nathan Meyer read a prepared statement regarding the Reservoir/Keeler Road situation in regards to the removal of the obstruction. Said statement is attached to these minutes. A drainage board meeting has been scheduled for April 24, 2017 at 10:00, immediately following the Commissioner's regular meeting.

**Approve Minutes – March 6, 2017:** Correction to the Engineer's report presented to Commissioners changing the number of bridge projects from up to 12 to up to 8. Motion to accept the minutes with that change by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Veterans Report – February:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of Sam Wyatt's Veteran Report for February by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2017-06 – Proposed Changes to Payroll:** There was discussion about moving the ending day of the pay period from Friday to Thursday as well as moving the Commissioners meeting day from Monday to Tuesday. Either way would give the Auditor a day in which to verify the payroll vouchers submitted with the timesheets turned in. Tom Wilson was in favor of moving the Commissioners meeting to Tuesday. Tom Linkel was in favor of either change. Eric Roberts was not in favor of moving the Commissioners meetings to Tuesday. Motion to sign Resolution 2017-06 Change the Payroll Schedule for the pay period to end on Thursday instead of Friday by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Ted Cooley presented his written update to the Commissioners as follows:

**Bridge Repair Projects, 8 Bridges in Franklin County –** Presentation of bids.

**Guardrail Quotes –** Presentation of Quotes

**Bridge Deck Overlay Projects, Up to 8 Bridges in Franklin County –** bids due 3/27/17

Final coatings will be decided after sounding of deck – Sealer, Polymeric or Latex

Possible adding 2-4 bridges on Blue Creek

**Culvert RA-0401 Washington Street, Oldenburg –** 12" emergency access crushed stone rd.

**Mitchell Avenue Culvert Repair Project –** Guardrail will be finished mid-week

Motion for Ted to purchase guardrail from All-Rail at \$15,001 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

The bid by Darren Werner will be thrown out as no check was enclosed.

**Approve Payroll –** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.


Discussion about appointing an attorney for Commissioners. Commissioners are looking into going with an hourly contract so they can hire who they want, when they want.

Eric Roberts discussed the upcoming surplus sale and the old grader will be sold.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Others in Attendance:** Betty Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Donnie Jones, Chris Collins, Sara Duffy, Jesse Barton, Jim Albertz, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Jerry Erfman, Carolyn Erfman, Nathan Meyer and Freddy \_\_\_\_\_.

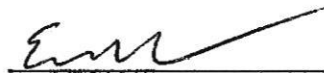
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Attested By: Karla J. Bauman  
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSONERS MEETING**  
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**COMMISSIONERS /COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Susan Craig- Batesville Resource Center:** Update on the Batesville Resource Center. They are wanting to rehabilitate a space for service providers to offer services to low income families from Franklin and Ripley County area. They had the intention of submitting the application next Friday but are working out some details with some of the perspective tenants and agencies that will be located in the facility. They are wanting to submit an application in September and want the Commissioners to act as the sponsor for this if that is acceptable for them. They will submit a letter of intent in July for the application. Two things need done for the application which is a Fair House Ordinance and a Drug Free Workplace Ordinance and she will email the Ordinances to the commissioners for consideration. Update on Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. They are in the process of doing house inspections and will be doing lead assessments on houses later in the summer.

**Award Bid- 8 Projects:** All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. There was a discussion on the bids submitted. Motion to accept Brackney's bid for 8 milling projects for \$33,635.17 and give Ted Cooley the authority to negotiate any negative change orders they can cut by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to accept Copperhead Excavating Inc. for 8 project repairs for \$39,250.00 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to give Ted Cooley the authority to have a deduction for the performance bond on the repair project by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Open Bids- 8 Bridge Overlay Project:** All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. Motion to take all bids under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Open Bids- Rd Grader, Mini Excavator, Brush Mover:** All bids were opened by commissioners. There was a discussion on the bids. Motion to take all bids under advisement to take prices to council by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer- Updates:**

**Culvert Order-** Ted Cooley presented two quotes for the culvert order. There was a discussion on what pipes actually need ordered. Eric Roberts moves to hold off and get a list from the Highway Foreman on what the plan is for the next 60-90 days and to get an order together for what they need. Roberts suggest checking the price with the annual bids compared to the single order.

Steel Pipes for culvert replacement projects  
Culvert BR-1402 Oxford Pike, East of Golden Road

Culvert BA-2501 Hetrick Road, East of Harmony-

Recommend: Using Community Crossings Grant for this and wants Ted Cooley to come up with 5 replacement options for this

Culvert SP-3601 State Line Road, South of Heard Road- Eric Roberts wants to get a Concrete Box order for this because he thinks it is going to fail soon.

Culvert BR-1004 Replacement Project, River Road- Commissioners discuss options with Ted Cooley.

Option #1: US BRIDGE- GALV STEEL W GALVANIZED GRID DECK	\$181,000
Option #2: E&H weathering steel bridge/deck	\$165,000
Option #3: ALUMINUM BOX POURED FOOTING & BLOCK FLOOR WINGWALLS	\$153,000
Option #4: Concrete Slab Bridge- 2000 Bridge 95, Big Cedar Road Contract=\$57,555	\$146,000
Option #5: 3-9' or 10' Dia Steel Tanks, Blocks/grouted riprap inlet wingwalls w/ cutoff Wall	\$107,000

Tom Linkel wants Ted Cooley to get together a bid package for a weathering steel bridge and a concrete slab for Culvert BR- 1004 Replacement Project, River Road.

**Shawn Strange- First Group Engineering:** Shawn Strange gave an update on what was going on with the Community Crossing Grants. There is a House Bill that just passed and it is now in at the Senate that if it passes in current form there will be a program similar to the Community Crossings Grant but as long as you have an updated asset management plan then you should be able to apply for an 80/20 match. For future spending the county will need to part around 1.82 million to maintain their existing pager rating on roads. He discussed the process of how INDOT does chip seal and fog seal. There was also a discussion of doing a center line program on county roads for certain curves in the roads. Tom Linkel wants an email on if we are required to have an updated study so they don't lose the grant opportunity. Recommended having a tracking record of where all material goes and when they took place for auditing purposes because he has seen the INDOT spot checking things already. Shawn gave Ted Cooley plan for the next 5 years of what roads he recommends will need chip sealed etc. State is looking at trying to do something with the 80/20 grants for August. There is no update on the second run of the 50/50 and it may be absorbed into the 80/20.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve March 6, 2017 (revised) minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson. Tom Linkel abstains. Motion to approve March 13, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approved February 6, 2017 (Joint Drainage Franklin County and Union County minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion to acknowledge that the commissioners received the Clerk's report for February by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** There was a discussion on a claim issued to Franklin County Farmers Mutual on whether or not they are on the county policy. Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**FC Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission- Appointment:** Motion to appoint Gay Worth to the FC Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2017-09- Amended Commissioners Meeting Schedule:** There was a discussion on changing the meetings to Tuesdays to accommodate the Auditor's office with payroll. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-09 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts objects.

**Resolution 2017-10- Amended 2017 Payroll Schedule:** Motion to rescind Resolution 2017-06 on the payroll schedule and adopt Resolution 2017-10 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts objects.

Resolution 2017-11- Claims schedule

**Government Center Roof:** There was a discussion about the Government Center Roof that is getting ruined by buzzards again and it was just replaced. Eric Roberts wants to put in an additional into Cum Cap for a \$25,000 range to begin to buy bird spike and worry gigs to keep the buzzards off the roof. The insurance company says the county needs to take the next step to fix the problem. The commissioners are going to call DNR to see if there is anything they can do about the buzzards.

**2017, 2018 & 2019 Edit Plan:** There was a discussion on the 2017, 2018 & 2019 Edit Plan. It does not include \$70,000 for other purposes. Tom Wilson talked about amended the plan in 2018. Motion to approve the Three Year Capital Improvement Plan by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Highway District 3 loader that caught on fire three weeks ago. There is a struggle to find parts so the loader is going to be totaled and they will get a check for that. Tom Linkel contacted the vendor where they purchased the last loader and asked if they can purchase a new loader at the same quote as the last loader. The Highway will approach council about purchasing a new loader. There was also a discussion of renting a loader if council does not approve a new loader.

Tom Linkel discussed if there will be a Spring cleanup in Franklin County again and to get rid of the trash for free. Tom Linkel's family will donate bags for people to use. Spring Cleanup will be on April 20, 21 and 22.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the recent SBOA Audit. James Sprague wanted to know what plans the commissioner have to move forward to rectify those issues. Tom Wilson says if it has to do with the commissioners they will work on it. E & H Bridge bids were discussed and Marty from E & H explained the process of the bids about per linear foot. He states he has never had an issue with his bids anywhere else. Sara Duffy wanted to know who goes over Highway Department claims before the commissioners sign off on them. Sara Duffy asks if the commissioners think things are getting lost in the Auditor's office and also is this the tip of the iceberg for the SBOA Audit. James Sprague questioned if the SBOA gave examples of what they found was wrong. Mildred Simmermeyer questioned who fills out Form 115. Ted Cooley states he has never heard of the form. Sara Duffy asked if any of the commissioners asked the SBOA to come in and do the audit the Auditor's office due to Steve Brack having charges filed. Tom Linkel said he talked to the SBOA about concerns he had way back but never asked them to come. Sara Duffy asked if there was a claim paid that has not been authorized will you

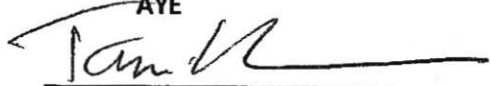



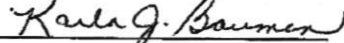
make them pay it back. Tom Linkel says that if he feels it was fraudulent then yes but if it was an error then no. Betty Lecher questioned the sick leave policy allowing the Highway Department to have sick leave without being full time for a year. Policy was to get a sick day every 52 days worked. Commissioners state it was an unwritten policy for the past 20-25 years that all departments could use but Highway was the only department doing it. The commissioners updated the handbook to reflect this policy. Tom Linkel wants it to be standard policy that if there are any claims with questions about and invoice or statement that the Auditor's office notifies the department immediately.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Others in Attendance:** Ted Cooley, Mark Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Susan Craig, Shawn Strange, Freddy Layton and Marty Hon.

Minutes from March 27, 2017 accepted.

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Attested by:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**APRIL 4, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

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The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Linkel was absent.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Bridge Deck Overlay Projects – 8 bridges changed to 7 – Presentation of Award. Motion to sign contract with Brackney, Inc. in the sum of \$33,635.70, for the milling of bridges, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Bridge Repair Projects** – Three bridges have been completed.

**Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reimbursement:** Motion for Tom Wilson to sign 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reimbursement by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Tim Back – Arboriculture Activities:** Tim Back gave a presentation about his desire to offer his property for educational purposes for local organizations like schools, colleges, 4-H, boy scouts, etc. This would be a non-profit organization and there will be no charge. He was just wondering if there is anything else that he needed to do that was required by Franklin County with any legal or safety issues. Eric Roberts suggested that he contact both the APC about any zoning concerns and to contact the local extension office.

**Terri Shoufler – ESPY Services, Inc.:** Presentation on what services her company could offer the County in regards to refund recovery on telephone and internet services (Overbilling and unused lines). There will be no cost to the County if no refunds are found. Eric Roberts would like 3 to 4 weeks to look over the proposal.

**Approve Minutes – March 27, 2017:** Motion to approve March 27, 2017 minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Application for Certificate of Appropriateness – Sign:** Application for signage for Gold Diggers Family Diner filed for recommendation by the Commissioners. Tom Wilson moved to give permission for the signage for Gold Diggers Family Diner, seconded by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-08 – FC Fair Housing:** An ordinance providing necessary and appropriate provisions to prevent discrimination in the area of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. Eric Roberts moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-08 Franklin County Fair Housing Ordinance, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-09 FC Drug Free Workplace:** An ordinance wherein the County of Franklin, Indiana, makes a commitment to provide employees a safe working environment, to ensure that employees, equipment and operating practices comply with health and safety standards. Eric Roberts is in favor of signing the ordinance so long as the Franklin County Personnel Handbook will be amended if necessary to comply with said ordinance. Eric Roberts moves to adopt Ordinance 2017-09 Franklin County Drug Free Workplace, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9-15, 2017:** Tom Wilson read a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 9-15, 2017, wherein the Franklin County Communication Center and employees were recognized for their substantial contributions to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients. Further, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year. The Commissioners declared April 9 through April 15, 2017 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Franklin County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Eric Roberts moved to sign the Proclamation, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Betty Lecher commented and questioned the Commissioners in regards to the recent Audit findings and sick days that were paid to highway employee. Mildred Simmermeyer commented on the signing of Health Insurance Renewal papers for 2017.

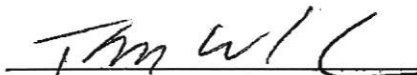
**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Others Present:** Terri Shoufler, Betty Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Tim Back, Ann Anderson, Cathy Pelsor, Ted Cooley, John Estridge, Verda Clark, Daryl Kramer, Becky Oglesby.

Minutes from April 4, 2017 accepted.

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Tom Linkel: Abstain

Attested By:   
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**APRIL 11, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**Eric Roberts** – Request by Betty Lecher for the Commissioners to use the lapel microphones.

**Connie Bischoff – Franklin County Recorder** – Connie Bischoff read a prepared statement addressing some concerns she had with false statements and rumors that have been said about her by the former Franklin County Recorder and the former Franklin County Auditor. She also addressed the condition she found the Recorder's office when she arrived on the first day. All equipment, including the phones, were unplugged and laying in the middle of the floor. It took over eight days and three IT personnel to get her office up and running again. Once the computers were back in running it was noted that the previous Recorder emails were all deleted and all document folders were emptied as well.

**Approve Minutes – April 4, 2017:** Eric Roberts moved to approve the minutes from April 4, 2017, seconded by Tom Wilson. Tom Linkel abstained. Motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Tom Linkel moved to approve claims, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Eric Roberts questioned the pay for the third probation officer on the Judge's payroll and whether or not the appropriation was done and if a line was set up in the system. A transfer was approved at the February County Council meeting moving the secretary's remaining balance and the extra help appropriation to the third probation officer line. The Salary Ordinance was also approved and amended to reflect this change. At the March County Council meeting, council denied the additional appropriation requests that were filed by the Court on behalf of the Probation office to "clean up" the amounts that were allegedly appropriated during the 2016 budget hearings but not filed with the State.

**Treasurer Veterans Report – March:** Tom Linkel moved to acknowledge receipt of the March report from the Treasurer and Veteran's Officer, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. It was also noted that the issue of the Treasurer's office being out of balance with the Auditor's office that was raised in Oct/Nov 2016, has now been fixed. The issue causing the problem was an incorrect adjustment that need correcting in the Auditor's office.

**Tom Wilson – Statement:** Tom Wilson read a prepared statement in regards to the release of the recent audit and that certain members of the public have made allegations of criminal activity by members of the Board of Commissioners, relating to the Commissioner's Budget. It has also come to the Board of Commissioner's attention that a prosecutor in an adjoining county was contacted and asked to pursue charges against certain members of this board. Each member of this board emphatically denies any criminal activity. Tom Wilson moved to seek legal counsel to advise them of their rights against defamatory statements made by certain members of the public. Tom Linkel agreed that he was tired of the lies and seconded the motion. Eric Roberts abstained because the public has a right to free speech. Motion carried. Betty Lecher read a comment by Lee Hamilton about transparency and accountability and the right to question elected officials.

**Highway Secretary Presentation:** A short presentation about the forms, reports and computer programing that was recently utilized at the Highway Department to track all expenditures from labor to supplies and materials and fuel was given to the public. This will help with tracking of the costs on the various projects the Highway works on. All of these reports have been available at the Highway Department but were not being used. There was also a discussion about getting a new phone system that would transfer calls between the Highway Department and the Commissioner's Secretary. The Commissioner's also discussed hiring part-time help to be trained to fill in on vacation days, etc. Eric Roberts would rather spend the money on new phones instead of hiring a part-time person to help. The part-time person would definitely need to know how to do payroll. Somebody does need to know that position in the event of an unplanned leave of absence. They will put in a transfer to cover this position.

**Cincinnati Life Insurance:** Tom Linkel would like to move forward with getting this company here for the employees. Eric Roberts is interested in scheduling a few days a year for these voluntary benefit providers to come to the County and give their pitch to the employees. All employees would be required to come to one location during the working day. Tom Linkel motioned to allow Cincinnati Life Insurance come in and be a part of our employee program so they can be effective immediately, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Ted Cooley – FC Engineer – Updates:** Award of Projects – Bridge Overlay Projects in Franklin County – Motion to award the Seven (7) Bridge Overlay Projects to Enneking Pressure Cleaning, Inc. in the sum of \$208,160.00, two coats, leave the bond in, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Project will start in May or June.

Discussion on Sixth Street Bridge project. Also, bridge inspections are done every five years. We have two bridges, #55 and #144. Bridge #55 needs to be done this year and bridge #144 next year. The county can save some money if both inspections are done this year. The scope of work on both bridges will be basically the same. Mr. Cooley will get back with the Commissioners on the cost savings.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Others Present:** Mark Simmermeyer, Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Jacque Schultz, Connie Bischoff, John Estridge, Dale Maxie, Tim George, James Sprague, Ted Cooley

Minutes from April 11, 2017 accepted.

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**APRIL 25, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

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The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

Open - The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

Eric Roberts moved to move out of regular meeting to Drainage Board meeting, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. The following drainage discussion took place.

Grant Reeves – Reservoir Road – removal of obstruction from private drain – there is a procedure for the county drainage board to follow. The drainage Board in this case can only remove the obstruction. However, the obstruction is a full pipe. The county has limited authority under the act. The County could establish a public drain. Hopeful that some solution could be worked out. Prescriptive easement had to be in place when the pipe was put in over the Erfman property. A judge would determine the prescriptive easement rights. We will need property owner cooperation.

Tom Wilson – the county's responsibility is with removing the obstruction only.

Nathan Meyer – The County has no authority to offer or provide a solution, only to remove the obstruction. The best solution, with agreement, the county would grade the property properly, leave the existing 12 inch pipe there, but there is minimum amount there. It still may not drain to Jones liking. Mr. Erfman paid and installed that pipe. Somebody would have to pay for that and it wouldn't be the county. Draining the property and lowering the pipe and decide who is going to pay for the lowering of the pipe.

Lance Bruns – Not sure why he received a notice of this hearing. Nathan stated that a small portion of his property would drain to this pipe. Everybody who it shows drains to this pipe got a letter.

John Estridge – The original petition is missing. A hand written petition was given to Steve Brack, former auditor. Handwritten note from Steve Brack that he did receive the written petition. Grant – we need to revisit the prior decision.

Jim Alberts, professional engineer, had a question – what exactly is the path moving forward and would like to see a resolution.

Jerry Erfman – this drainage issue only happens once or twice a year with a monsoon. "Degree of Damage" question to Grant Reeves. Undue harm to the property. "Creating a creek" where one does not exist.

Eric Roberts – remove a small amount of dirt, gentle slope to allow water to flow thru there. ~~According to county engineer and surveyor it will lay wet. Nathan, yes it will lay wet during~~ those times of heavy rain. As the water drains it will become dry again. Put driveway in at his own expense and put that in at the request of Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said Eckerle installed it wrong. Installed according to county. I will allow the 2 foot tile to run thru my property.

Tom Wilson – agree that it will fix it but it goes beyond our scope of authority.

Tom Linkel – Open Swale as damaging property – Grant – it would have to be challenged.

Don Jones – the water is backing up onto my property, a lot of property owner's water in the area drains onto my property. I just want the water to keep on flowing. The water flow stops and backs up from Erfman's property. Right now when it rains it is a flood plain. It is a swamp. A ditch would be improving the property, not damaging it. We had proceedings here the fall of 2012, it was left that it needed to be determined how much each property owner would pay for it. The pipe needs to be lowered.

Grant – difference between watercourse and a drain.

Alberts – this is where the water has always drained – Linkel - agreed

Eric- It is a natural waterway, the pipe in the ground is for agricultural not residential

Alberts – not sure what the original design was for the 12 inch pipe, need a clear path from one pipe to the next. Steady gradual decline. It would not hold water like a pond. A 24inch buried pipe would be good, but a swale would also solve the problem. Removing the dirt.

Tom Linkel – his opinion is his idea of fixing it is installing a 24 inch pipe. But we can't do that. Remove the dirt to create the swale (county) who is responsible for lowering the pipe. Nathan – that is Mr. Erfman's personal property (the pipe). Shared expense of all property owners.

Motion by Tom Linkel, put a proposed swale from Reservoir Road thru Mr. Erfman's property and lowering the pipe at least 6 to 8 inches, - no second

More discussion – Lance Bruns – I disagree (.118 acres within the area of the 13 acres in the area)

Jerry Erfman – were going to court – You are going to not only damage my property but you also want me to pay for it.

Joann May – complained about a shed on Erfman's property that the water drains onto her property.

Tom Linkel – on that my motion stands, - Tom Wilson, seconded his motion. Tom Linkel said his earlier Motion died for lack of second.

Nathan – What are you asking me to remove?

Erfman – What is the obstruction?

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Eric Roberts – Don would you help pay for another 12 inch pipe – Don Jones – No, the water does not just come from my property only. Linkel - It will cost the county money.

**Motion** - Tom Linkel – I move that we go to Reservoir Road and fix the drainage issue with our Highway Dept. and resources and that we lower the pipe under driveway 6 to 8 inches and a natural fall from one pipe to the other and that we seed and straw mat it. No cost to local property owners, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Grant Reeves – We need a motion about the obstruction. Linkel – I move that there is an obstruction and that it is not intentional, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Jerry Erfman – I am ok with Mr. Linkel's proposal.

Keep track of our expenses if it is necessary to recover only the costs. Eric Roberts estimate pay from General Improvement Drain Fund.

Betty Lecher – Why are all the taxpayers paying for this?

**NEXT DRAINAGE BOARD ISSUE:**

Bill William Messerschmidt – Drainage (Horseshoe Bend & Pine Rd.) – We have a petition that all of the neighbors have signed. When the neighbor moved in he put a double wide and there was natural drainage but it isn't there anymore. Most of the neighbors' property stays under water. He has completely rerouted the water. Need the county to take a look at it. I am not against what he is doing I just want it done right. Block one possible two natural waterways.

**Motion** – Eric Roberts acknowledges Mr. Messerschmidt petition and that Nathan go out, Linkel seconds, all in favor.

Drainage Board Meeting closed

**Regular meeting reopened: - APC and unified code**

Grant Reeves – adopt a zoning ordinance – a municipality can participate in planning process if they adopt the zoning code in its entirety. What happened in this case is that the participating municipalities did have their own needs, initial adoption in entirety and then the municipalities asked for 17 changes. Came back before the county and the changes were made to the actual zoning code, Mt. Carmel, Brookville Oldenburg can operate with changes. Different requirements between town and county needs – example dogs barking and number of yard sales allowed. Tom Wilson asked "do they have to go with the county comprehensive

plan?" The towns basically passed a comprehensive plan to get grants. Recording of Plan – That is their issue. The statute says it should be on file with the recorder.

**Veronica Voelker** – Mobile Home Permit Ordinance 2017-08 to establish a non-reverting treasurer fund. We have many mortgage companies wanting the complete list of taxpayers. ~~Other counties are charging a fee for this – \$500 for a complete electronic file and \$200 for~~ delinquent property tax sales. All fees collected and receipted into this fund will pay for the fees incurred by SRI for tax property sales. Mobile Home Permits – Veronica will be back next week as further research is needed on the language used in the ordinance – "Public Defender Non-Reverting Fund". Eric Roberts - put exact fund number to be used in the revised Ordinance.

**Minutes** – Motion to approve, Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Claims** – Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Payroll** – Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Clerk report** – Tom Wilson acknowledges receipt of Clerk's March report, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor

**Ted Cooley – FC Engineer – Updates:** Contract to sign Enneking Pressure Cleaning for Award of Bid from last meeting. No motion just signing of the contract. There are two plans for the Sixth Street Bridge project – Plan A- close the bridge (5 to 6 weeks); Plan B - leave the bridge open for vehicle traffic (10 weeks)

**Motion** - Motion to go with Plan B on Sixth street project for INDOT by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**INDOT – Letter of Understanding (Closure of US 52):** All damages need to be documented. Motion to sign Letter of Understanding by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

**Mobilcomm Maintenance Agreement – E-911:** Motion to sign Mobilcomm Maintenance Agreement for E-911 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Mobilcomm Maintenance Agreement – Sheriff's Dept:** Motion to sign Mobilcomm Maintenance Agreement for Sheriff's Dept. by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Internal Control Report – Karla Bauman:** Internal Control Committee met on Thursday, April 13, 2017. The following details were discussed. The purpose of reporting this to the Commissioners is for the official recording of those meetings for the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

We reviewed the various departments to ensure that the employees have been trained and whether or not written plans had been submitted detailing the internal controls implemented.

Two offices have not submitted written plans, however, it was also noted that a written plan did not need to be submitted by any law or local policy and that the written plan was only a recommendation.

Becky Oglesby expressed her concerns with the Court system exempting its employees from the personnel handbook. Discussion was had that this committee nor the County has any governing authority over the court employees, but that the Court as a separate branch of government does. It was expressed by Neysa Raible that the employees of the Court serve at their pleasure.

Discussion was had about the \$100 material discrepancy. Was the loss to be reported to SBOA just to be about actual cash loss (money) or if errors in reporting that result in loss should also be reported. Any loss of \$100 or more in office supplies should be reported as well. Questions were raised as to who is in control of reporting and maintaining the office inventory. Discussion was had about the improper spending of approximately \$12,000 in the Law Enforcement fund that that was collected monthly by the Clerk and receipted in county funds incorrectly. The proper fund for accounting of this money was not set up and the claims for spending were not properly filed. Becky Oglesby expressed that she did not want the County to have to pay for this mistake and that the Auditor should just look forward not back. No solutions were offered on how to pay for the claims that will be filed by the local or state law enforcement agencies when they file their claims for the money that was collected and held on their behalf. There is no money there to pay it.

There was a discussion in regards to the recent audits in particular about the bid process and duties of the Auditor. After some discussion on the County receiving bids and quotes and what process should take place, it is the recommendation of the Internal Control Committee that the Board of Commissioners establish a written policy in regards to processing Bids and Quotes.

County Inventory – There was a discussion on the importance of maintaining an accurate County inventory list. Equipment valued under \$5,000 should have a white sticker and inventory over \$5,000 should have a green sticker. It was also discussed that elected officials or employees who are using their own equipment should also have a properly identifiable sticker on the items and a list maintained. That way when an elected official or employee leaves, the items being removed are properly tracked and nobody can be accused of removing county property from the premises.

The one item that should have been discussed at this meeting in light of what was discussed at the last commissioner's meeting, was the deliberate sabotage of office equipment and deletions of government documents from the computer system in the Recorder's office. No sticker placed on the equipment is going to stop an elected official or employee from intentionally behaving in a spiteful manner. It took three IT Vendors and eight working days to get back up and running fully. The deleted government documents were not recovered. This is

a major internal control weakness. I did report the situation in the Recorder's office to both law enforcement and the Indiana SBOA. Any weakness in internal controls with safeguarding government documents and government equipment needs to be addressed immediately. All government offices need to know the law governing government preservation of records and the proper process for shredding them according to the record retention schedules. Also, that records must be maintained showing what records were destroyed. This is another internal control weakness that needs to be addressed soon before any more government documents are permanently lost. With today's technology, everything can be scanned and maintained electronically prior to destroying the paper document.

Now in regards to the recent audit and findings:

Changes have been implemented with the Claims and Payroll processing. In fact, many department heads are probably getting frustrated with us with claims being held for a lack of appropriation or transfer of funds. All payroll vouchers are now being signed and verified to correctness.

The E & H bridge invoice is the same invoice that was used as far back as 2011 and I would imagine long before that as well.

County Form 115 (Bidders Record) is no longer in use Per The County Bulletin, October, 2014. Not sure why that form was mentioned in the most recent Audit.

The Sick Leave Policy is something that was in place in prior years. Not sure why that was not carried over when the new handbook was done. This has now been fixed.

The insufficient controls to ensure that wages are paid according to the salary ordinance are in place. We are presently operating in non-compliance with our current salary ordinance. Timesheets and Employee Service Records are being maintained by each office, with copies to the Auditor.

Most of the issues in the report deal with the Auditor's office and we will fix those processes.

**Roof Damage & Repair:** Eric Roberts discussed the current roof damage and options. There will be no further insurance proceeds received. There is no other option but to replace the roof. Eckstein Roofing will do the work on this project. Roof Replacement will cost \$10,134; Roof Repair will be \$3,100 and Roof Spikes will cost \$2,700.

**Motion:** Tom Linkel moved to go ahead with the Roof Repairs and Bird Proofing as presented by Eric Roberts in the total sum of \$15,934, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Payroll** – Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.



**Others Present:** Ted Cooley, Ruth Riehle, Mark Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Nathan Meyer, Perry Knox (Durham), James Sprague, Sara Duffy, Donnie Jones, Carolyn Erfman, Jerome Erfman, Veronica Voelker, Wayne Monroe, William Messerschmidt, Tim George, Jim Alberts, Joan May, Jesse Barton, Sharon Halcomb, Karis Troyer, Marty Hon

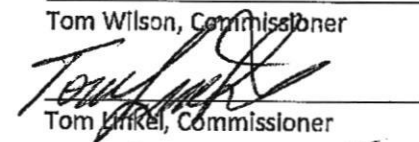
Minutes from April 24, 2017 accepted.

Aye

Nay



Tom Wilson, Commissioner



Tom Linkel, Commissioner



Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Attested By: Karla J. Bauman  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**May 2, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

Open - The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

Veronica Voelker – Franklin County Treasurer: Veronica Voelker presented two ordinances for the Commissioners approval. Ordinance 2017-08 "Establishing Processing Fee For Mobile Home Transfers and Moving Permits Prepared by the Franklin County Treasurer" and Ordinance 2017-09 "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax List Fee and Further Establishing a County Treasurer Non-Reverting Fund For the Deposit of Such Fees, Together with Excess Tax Sale Fees".

**Motion:** Motion to sign Ordinance 2017-08 Establishing Processing Fee For Mobile Home Transfers and Moving Permits Prepared by the Franklin County Treasurer by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Motion:** Motion to sign Ordinance 2017-09 Establishing a Tax List Fee and Establishing A County Treasurer Non-Reverting Fund for the Deposit of Such Fees, Together with Excess Tax Sale Fees by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

**Ted Cooley – FC Engineer – Updates:** Ted Cooley wanted to remind drivers to be cautious with crossing on slabs and roadways when flooded. Fast moving water on roads can carry away a small car and knock over and carry away an adult.

Discussed Account 1135.23802 – Various Bridges & Culverts Supplies - \$50,000

Projects – Blue Creek and Oxford Pike Steel Pipes and Culvert SP-3601, State Line Road – Box Culvert quote.

**Motion:** Eric Roberts motioned for Ted Cooley go ahead and order the box culvert in the total sum of \$7,992 for State Line Road just south of Kerr Rd. and to order that at the direction of the Auditor, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. *Heard*

**Motion:** Eric Roberts motioned for Ted Cooley to go ahead and order the steel pipes for the Blue Creek, Oxford Pike and River Road Bridge Projects, with the direction of the Auditor's office, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**2018 CCMG Funds Match – 75/25** - Eric Roberts would like to see the above projects included in the 2018 matching grants. Ted Cooley asked if the money should be moved to the Rainy Day Fund and then to the fund for next year's Community Crossing Grant. The money can be spent in advance and still be included in the projects considered for this grant. Tom Linkel said we may need to put some Highway money into the Rainy Day for these grants.

**Award of Highway Equipment:** Tom Wilson – County Council did approve the money for the equipment bids. Boom Mower – Chambers American Products: Tom Linkel motioned to award the Boom Mower to Chambers American Products in the sum of \$136,000 even, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed. Eric Roberts stated that the bid process on this equipment did not go thru the proper bid process. We did not go thru the

proper bid process. We just got a SBOA Audit back finding that we did not following the proper bid procedures. The Bid Notice needed to be advertised two times, one week apart with the last one being advertised at least 10 days before the opening of the bids. Following much discussion, it was determined that the notice was only advertised one time. John Worth stated that it would need to be advertised two times under the law. It was Mr. Worth's suggestion that the process be started over. It will absolutely not be fair to those who have already bid. The Auditor will check with the SBOA.

**Karla Bauman, FC Auditor – Med-Ben Invoice:** The Auditor came before the Commissioners to discuss the Health Insurance Fund and processing of the Med-Ben Invoice by the Auditor's office. In November 2015, Franklin County Council by ordinance established Fund 4701 and 4702. The ordinance established how the Health Insurance monies were to be receipted into the funds and which Fund was to be used for county healthcare expenses. County Council beginning with the 2016 budget year, underfunded the costs of the health plan expenses as provided to the Auditor on the monthly Med-Ben invoice. Since enough money was not appropriated during 2016 to cover the entire cost as shown on the invoice, the former Auditor's office made transfers of money from 4700 to 4702 at the direction of County Council. This gave the appearance on paper that the invoice for Med-Ben had in fact been made with budget appropriated money, but it was not. The Med-Ben invoice (stop/loss premium) should have just been paid out of Fund 4700. The money should never have been improperly transferred to Fund 4702. In addition to the Med-Ben invoice amount being transferred to Fund 4702, the County's monthly contribution portion per the contract was also not paid. Again, the County's contribution was transferred from Fund 4700 to Fund 4702. The whole purpose of establishing 4701 and 4702 was to segregate the employee money from the employer money. Fund 4702 is no longer segregated since money from Fund 4700 was moved to Fund 4702. County Council also directed the Auditor to transfer \$21,456.54 from Fund 4700 to 1000 County General as the Commissioner's appropriated budget was overdrawn in that amount. The proper correction would have been to make an adjustment out of Fund 4702 where the original payment was made. The underfunding caused the shortage to take place in October, 2016. With County Council underfunded the budget appropriations even more for 2017, the shortages will occur most likely by August. Fund 4701 is almost depleted and needs money receipted into it from Fund 4702, which is restricted by the ordinance. The Auditor is requesting direction from the Commissioners in regards to the processing of the Med-Ben Invoice. There were no issues with how it was handled in the Auditor's office until County Council underfunded it in 2016. The Auditor would like the Commissioners to provide a written policy in regards to the Self-Insured Health Plan and administration of not only Med-Ben Invoice, but employee and employer contributions. The Auditor just wants to make sure that all payments per the contract are properly being made and that there will be no liability for breach of fiduciary duties. Motion by Eric Roberts, to submit an additional for \$600,000 from Fund 4702 to cover medical claims and expenses of the health care plan for the remainder of the year, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Commissioners agreed to get an attorney that specializes in health insurance funding. Mr. Worth suggested contacting the Attorney General's office. Eric Roberts discussed the internal controls and the \$21,456.54 transfer of money from Fund 4700 to Fund 1000. Mr. Worth also expressed concerns about the employees having a cause of action for a class action lawsuit.

**James Ballinger Claim Correction Amount –** Motion to correct the amount of James Ballinger Claim approved at previous meeting to \$2,573.17 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Harry Graves:** Mr. Graves discussed his concerns with Commissioners about the marking of utilities on private property. Property owners should be notified prior to coming on the owner's property.

**Dale Maxie:** Dale Maxie brought his concern to the Commissioners in regards to a matter that was brought to the attention of Eric Roberts about 4 months. The issue is in regards to what Mr. Maxie perceives to be

criminal activity by a county employee. The matter is being investigated by the State Police. Mr. Roberts apologized for not following up, but will do so immediately.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others in Attendance: Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Ted Cooley, Tim George, Harry Graves, James Sprague, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Veronica Voelker, Dale Maxie, Ray Kersey, Brian Baxter, Daryl Zimmer, J. Steven Cox

Minutes approved May 23, 2017.

Ayes

Tom Wilson  
Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel  
Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts  
Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Nays

Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Attested By: Karla J. Bauman  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**May 9, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

Open - The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**Dan Day – RE/MAX: North County Line Road (Franklin & Dearborn Counties)**  
Main goal was to come and ask who is responsible for North County Line Road. He just listed a property and right now there is no access to it at all. It is just a grass lane. Who is responsible for maintaining it? Has it been closed and/or can it be reopened? Tom Wilson – Joint responsibility. Surveyor looked into it and we have stopped maintaining it. The area that Mr. Day wants to have maintained has not been maintained for over 30 years. There are no easements, ingress or egress. All owners will be landlocked if there is no road giving the property access. There is a gravel base. The other owners will not be able to do anything with their property either until something is done. That portion of county line road has not been maintained. Dan – Nobody owns the road. – It is a county road. Eric Roberts – We need more time to research this back to 1909. The property owners built the road then. The land was split up in 1994.

**Approve Minutes from 4-25-17:** Eric Roberts moved to approve the minutes from 4-25-17, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Tom Linkel moved to approve claims, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll:** Tom Linkel moved to approve payroll, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – 2017 Community Crossing Grant Funding Meetings – Greenfield Meeting** will be May 19, 2017 – recommend that Jacque attend too.

**Emergency Watershed Protection awards for 2 locations on Big Cedar Road - \$140,000 (75%/25%)** we have to pay 25% of the \$140,000 - This is Federal money. Federal Contracting Procedures – Eric Roberts would like to bid it out.

Big Cedar Road (South 252) embankment stabilization needed – 980’  
South of Gant Road – Road washout estimate \$60,000  
Big Cedar Road (South 252) embankment stabilization needed – 1.4 miles north of US 52 – Block wall repair - \$80,000

River Road Bridge Projects -  
IDNR Short Permit required.

Eric Roberts – Being that this is temporary and we will be back in there in two or three years – what is the option of actually buying permanent right of way v. temporary right of way? Commissioners need to know what kind of area we are talking about and a list of the property owners. Mr. Linkel – I believe the property owners are agreeable to the work. Is this a highway project or cum bridge? Whistle Creek is sinking too.

**Award of Highway Contract:** Mr. Worth spoke about the county not having a bidding ordinance in place. If there is an error in procedure, it would not be fair to require a rebid. There was a discussion about whether or not more than one bid must be received. Tom Linkel wants to move forward with awarding of the equipment.

**Murphy Tractor & Equipment – John Deere 672G Motor Grader w/6WD:** Motion by Tom Linkel to award the John Deere Grader to Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$227,000, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Robert opposed as there was only 1 bid received and it was not properly advertised. Motion carried.

**Chambers American Products – Boom Mower (specialized equipment) –** Motion by Tom Linkel to award for the Boom Mower to Chambers American Products in the amount of \$136,000, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed – He thought it was wiser not to spend this money. Motion carried.

**Zimmer Tractor –** Motion by Tom Linkel to award Kubota Excavator with extended warranty in the amount of \$1,067, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Eric Roberts – Under attorney advise he will agree to this bid, since 3 bids were received.

**Jim True Ford –** Motion by Tom Linkel to award two 2017 F250 Pick-up trucks to Jim True Ford in the amount of \$52,100, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed as this was not advertised at all. Motion carried.

**Purchasing Policy –** This is just a rough draft. It will need reviewed and amount establishing what qualifies for a purchase to be subject to the ordinance.

**Postage Meter – Lease agreement – for Franklin County Clerk:** \$409.50 – 4 years – Eric Roberts moved that Tom Wilson sign the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter in the Clerk's office, Linkel seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Karla Bauman, Franklin County Auditor – Health Care Funds:** Discussed the fiduciary responsibilities of Commissioners, County Council and Auditor in the administering and funding of the Franklin County Government Employee Health Plan. The balance in Fund 4701 is now below zero. There is no money available to pay the May Med-Ben invoice from Fund 4701. Fund 4702 is restricted. The email from SBOA was already read, wherein they stated they would prefer to see one fund used where all money was recaptured including both the employer contribution and employee contribution.

**Harry Graves –** spoke about issues at his property and research on the use of used tires. Somebody will be contacting the County from IDEM about utilizing scrap tires.

**Dale Maxle –** Who is will be responsible for Health Insurance? What steps for impeachment?

**John Estridge –** Who at the highway department has the authority to purchase equipment/material?



Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others In Attendance: Ray Lovins, Joyce Lovins, James Sprague, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Wayne Monroe, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Harry Graves, Dale Maxie

Minutes approved May 23, 2017.

AYES

NAYS

Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Attested by:

Karla J. Bauman

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**May 23, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Open** - The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**MedBen Insurance – Health Insurance**

Presentation on Reference-Based Pricing and MedBen Well Living programs offered by MedBen. Questions were asked and answered by MedBen representatives. The cost for the Well Living program will cost \$6.00 per employee per month.

**Nathan Meyer, FC Surveyor – Drainage (Horseshoe Bend):** Follow up on Mr. Messerschmidt petition to find an obstruction on neighbor's property. Land is extremely flat and the land drains poorly. Mr. Meyer does not believe that anything that was done in 2002 changed how the property drained. Although there is poor drainage of the land in this area, Mr. Meyer did not find an obstruction.

**Approve Minutes - May 2 & May 9, 2017**

May 2, 2017 Minutes: Eric Roberts corrected Kerr Road to Heard Road. Motion to approve May 2, 2017 minutes with corrections by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

May 9, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Veterans Report, Clerk's Report & Treasurer's Report – April, 2017:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Veteran's Report, Clerk's Report and Treasurer's Report for April by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Claims Schedule** – Claims schedule amended to allow Auditor time to do some cross-training and implementation of Internal Controls. Motion to Amend Claim Schedule by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts opposed. Motion Carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** There was a discussion between Mr. Cooley and the Commissioners on the following:

North River Road Bridge Projects – Mr. Cooley presented construction documents.

St. Mary's Road rehabilitation FHWA project – obtained 2 Letters of Intent  
2017 Community Crossing Grant Funding Meetings – Jacque, Karla and Ted will attend INDOT  
Seymour District Office Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Emergency Watershed Protection Awards for 2 locations on Big Cedar Road – applications  
submitted – waiting on agreement.

2016 Community Crossing Grant Funding – Bridge Projects  
Highland Center Bridge – contractor is preparing proposal  
(Filed by Ted to Commissioners in his May 23, 2017 Franklin County Engineer Update)

**Ordinance 2017 – Purchasing Policy:** There was a discussion among the Commissioners in  
regards to the prepared ordinances. Eric Roberts would like more time to look it over. No  
action.

**EMS Contract:** Discussed and Commissioners would like more time to look it over. No action.

**Indemnity Agreement – Metamora Volunteer Fire Dept.:** Motion to sign Indemnity Agreement  
by and between the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin County, Indiana by  
Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Fleet Management Agreement – (Copier Extension Office):** Discussed and no action taken.

**Certification of Financial Responsibility – Underground Storage Tanks:** Commissioners  
discussed the County's Certification of Financial Responsibility. Tom Linkel will take care of it.

**AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company – Retirement:** Voluntary Benefits – The Commissioners  
did not want the benefit offered at this time until a day can be established for all vendors to  
come.

**Approval of Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in  
favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-11:** An ordinance that would void Ordinance 2015-20 as the Commissioners  
are the proper body for establishing funds in the County. All Funds 4700, 4701 and 4702 will be  
accessible to the Auditor to pay the bills. Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-11, as follows:  
County Council set funds up for the County's Insurance under separate funds without  
Commissioners approval. Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3-2, the authority to establish a home rule fund,  
lies with the Commissioners, therefore, Ordinance 2015-20 is null and void. All insurance funds,  
4700, 4701 and 4702 shall be accessible to the Auditor to pay health insurance expenses.  
Commissioners shall direct County Attorney to propose a new ordinance administrating all  
health care funds, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Eric Roberts – Assisted listening devices from BIS or Jim Kolb – Get quotes over the next couple of weeks. Quote for electronic locks - \$9250

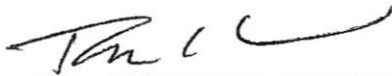
**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Ray Kersey, Roy Hall, Ted Cooley, Nathan Meyer

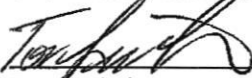
Minutes approved June 6, 2017.

Aye

Nay




Tom Wilson, Commissioner



Tom Linkel, Commissioner



Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Attested By:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Tom Wilson, Commissioner

Tom Linkel, Commissioner

Eric Roberts, Commissioner

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 6, 2017- 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on June 6, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**Open-** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation-2018 Grant Application:** Presentation of 2018 Grant Application for Public Transportation that commissioners need to review. It has to be turned in by June 16, 2017.

**Cindy Orschell, FC Area Plan Director-Variance Refund:** Joe Gillespie discussed a refund for a variance for Brandi Cole. BZA turned down her application and the BZA did not give her a reason why they denied it. Cindy Orschell would like to refund Brandi Cole in the amount of \$300 due to the BZA not following the Ordinance of giving a reason why they turned down Brandi Cole's application. Motion to approve repayment of the permit by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Connie Bischoff, FC Recorder-OCE Machine:** Connie came to the commissioners about her OCE machine that started having problems with it last year and now almost every day they have to call and have it maintenance. She is in the process of purchasing a new OCE machine. She came in front of the commissioners because in 2014 the previous recorder spent out \$16,200 out of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund to pay for the binding of the Commissioner's books and according to the SBOA that was illegal. She is asking for the commissioners to help pay for part of the machine. Connie checked prices at three different companies. She is going with the lowest price. Commissioners would help pay but they have no money in their equipment line to help pay. There was also discussion on what to do with the old machine.

**Approve Minutes- May 23, 2017:** Motion to approve May 23, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer-Updates:** There was a discussion between Mr. Cooley and the Commissioners on the following:

Supplemental Contract (#56 St Marys' Rd)- Ted presented a Supplemental Agreement for Commissioners to sign. Motion to sign the Supplemental Agreement to move the date back from July 1, 2017 to June 2018 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Notice of Grant & Agreement Award- Ted presented a Notice of Grant and Agreement Award to the commissioners. Motion to have Tom Wilson sign the Emergency Watershed Grant Agreement for Big Cedar Road by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 (Bridge Inspection)- Ted presented an agreement to the commissioners on Bridge Inspections. Inspections will take place in October. Eighteen bridges will be inspected yearly now. Motion to sign Supplemental Bridge Inspection Agreement No. 2 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Grant Reeves-Vacate portion of Gobblers Knob:** Grant discussed a petition to vacate part of Gobblers Knob to the commissioners. The Commissioners wanted to see the proof of publication for the Public Hearing. It was advertised for public hearing for May 23, 2017. The commissioners ask for it to be re-advertised for the July meeting so it is done properly before anything is done.

River Road- Grant discussed bids on prefabricated bridges. Currently have a bid in from E & H Bridge so they have to figure out what to do with that with moving forward this year due to the recent SBOA Audit. Can make some changes next year. Going to take steps now with E & H Bridge so we don't have problems like we did in the past with Stockpile Bridge. The state did not like that it wasn't adequately itemized on the invoice. Tom Linkel's goal is to do the bridge with the CCMG money. If it is summer construction the school stated they would deal with the construction. The River Road North location would be done first.

Highway 544 K Loader- Grant looked into whether the county can award the 2016 price of the loader. A special purchasing order needs done to do this. If they proceed, once awarded, a letter, invoice and contract all need put together in a packet and give to the Auditor's office showing they can use the 2016 price. Motion to award contract to Murphy Tractor for the John Deere 544 K loader for \$151,000 and sign the letter and keep it with the bid by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Eric Roberts opposed.

**On Call Agreement Durham Engineering:** Perry Knox presented a contract and a task order for on call engineering services. There is no cost to execute the contract. If the county needs engineer services or second opinions, the county would just have to do a task order and input a fee not to exceed. They can be on call for construction inspections also. Motion to sign the On-Call Agreement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Fleet Management Agreement:** The extension office has a second quote on a copy machine much cheaper than the first one submitted. The commissioners are looking at the proposal. The current agreement the extension office has now does not expire until December. The earlier proposal submitted was twice as much as the second one submitted.

**Attorney Contract:** Discussion took place on the contract for Attorney Agreement for an hourly rate for Grant Reeves at \$150 an hour. John Worth also has a contract coming to the commissioners. Motion to sign contract for Grant at \$150 an hour and that contract covers any bills that the commissioners have already had and up to the end of the year by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Contract-State Board of Animal Health:** Estimating a cost of \$17,000. New state law requires 50% from the county and 50% from the state. The county will have to set aside \$8500. Motion to sign the State Board of Health Contract for the Bovine Tuberculosis testing to cover from July 1 2017 to June 30, 2018 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.



**Veterans Report-May:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the VSO monthly report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

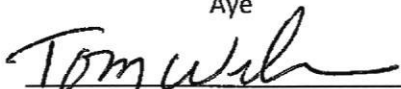
Harry Graves discussed with the commissioners the TIF zones and misallocation of funds. Also, he questioned who gave permission to do the sidewalks in front of the Courthouse.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Cathy Pelsor, Ray Kersey, Gary Rieveschl, James Sprague, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Connie Bischoff, Ted Cooley, Harry Graves and Perry Knox/Durham Engineering

Minutes approved June 13, 2017.

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Tom Wilson, Commissioner

  
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Tom Linkel, Commissioner

  
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Eric Roberts, Commissioner

Attested by:   
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

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Eric Roberts, Commissioner

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**JUNE 13, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on June 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Canoe Fest/FC Cancer Assistance NOW:** Stephanie Murray and Beth Siebert spoke briefly about FC Can and what the organization is about. Canoe Fest is now donating all proceeds to FC Can. Tom Wilson declared June 18<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> as FC Can Week, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

**Public Transportation – 2018 Grant Application:** Motion to sign the Application for the Public Transportation Grant for 2018 operating expenses by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Minutes – June 6, 2017:** Motion to approve the June 6, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Utility claims:** Motion to approve the Utility Claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer & Clerk's Report – May, 2017:** Tom Wilson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer and Clerk Reports for May, 2017, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Operation Pullover and Stayin Alive Payroll:** After discussion with the Auditor, the Operation Pullover and Stayin Alive Payroll with all future claims will be submitted on a payroll voucher for approval by the Commissioners. Presently, the officers are being paid thru the quietus that is filed with the Treasurer. Motion to approve the Operation Pullover and Stayin Alive payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried, all in favor. Discussion with the Auditor in regards to the frequency of approval of claims. The Auditor has already started the cross-training of the employees on the processing of the claims. In addition, after attending the Community Crossing Grant meeting in Seymour, it appears the claim process for the grant transactions can be simplified which will free up some of the time now required to handle those claims. The Auditor would like an additional two months to further cross-train the employees before going back to processing the claims twice a month. Some delay with approving the claims is a result of the departments not having the money in place before submitting the claim for payment.

**GIS Limited Use Agreement - IN State Fire Marshall Fire & EMS:** Eric Roberts voiced two concerns about this agreement. The first, whether or not there was any cost to the County and two, whether or not there was a need to have the county map updated prior to entering into

this agreement. Motion to sign the limited GIS use agreement so long as there is not a cost to the County (verified), by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Written Update provided: St. Mary's Road Rehabilitation FHWA Project** – The Consultant scoring sheets have been distributed. Eric Roberts noted that it was hard to believe we only received two. INDOT-Seymour indicated there might be project options.

**2017 Community Crossing Grant:**

\$1,333,333 million total grant - \$333,333 County Funds

\$733,333 funds for bridges (should say roads), \$600,000 for bridges

**2016 Community Crossing Grant Funding – Bridge Projects**

Hamburg Road and St. Mary's Road Bridges completed.

Skipped Sanes Creek Bridge and Oldenburg Bridge.

Overlay contractor expected to start next week.

Ted will visit overlay contractor working on Bridge in Decatur County.

**Motion by Tom Linkel to approve the 24X30 E & H Bridge for River Road, seconded by Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts opposed, motion carried 2-1.**

Discussion about complaints on Duck Creek and Smokey Hollow and the need for a sign up for warning in regards to a large hole.

**2012 Freightliner Title (Highway)** – Eric Roberts motioned to authorize Tom Linkel to sign all necessary paperwork to get the title, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

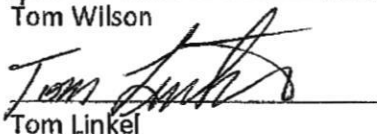
**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Ted Cooley, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Ray Kersey, Connie Bischoff, Tara Keys, Jane Klenke, Beth Slebert, Luann Bradley, Stephanie Murray, Joan Lohrey and Robert Braun.

Minutes from June 13, 2017 accepted.

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Attested By: Karla J. Bauman  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**JUNE 20, 2017**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on June 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Connie Bischoff, FC Recorder – Ordinance 2017-13:** Connie Bischoff presented an Ordinance for the Commissioners approval to establish the fee for bulk copies of documents to a Bulk Vendor in the Franklin County Recorder's office. In addition, she also made a statement in regards to an article written in the Franklin County Observer about the improper use of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund by the previous Recorder. The Observer stated that Connie Bischoff "allegedly" talked with the Indiana State Board of Accounts and that they stated it was improper use. Connie Bischoff presented an email from the Indiana State Board of Accounts to Sara Duffy of the Observer, showing that she did in fact have communications with them. Ms. Bischoff requested that the Observer run a retraction correcting their article.

**MOTION to adopt Ordinance 2017-13 establishing the manner in which a recorder may provide bulk copies to a bulk vendor, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Karla Bauman, FC Auditor – PERF & Postage Meter Lease:** Karla Bauman presented the lease that was signed by the former auditor in December, 2016 for Commissioners approval. It was the Auditor's understanding that only the Commissioners had the authority to sign contracts/leases. There were actually two leases signed and she needed the Commissioners to approve and sign the Lease for the equipment actually in the Auditor's office that is used by the entire Government Center. **Motion for Tom Wilson to sign the Lease Agreement with Neopost for the mailing machine for \$161.00 per month for 63 months by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

In researching the authority to sign a contract, the Auditor found the forms that were referred to in the most recent SBOA audit (Form 115) and presented that information to Commissioners.

**PERF:** Franklin County just concluded an audit with the State in regards to the PERF contributions. It was discovered that one elected official who took office in 2011 did not have an account established for PERF. The State also questioned the position of the County Health Officer and whether the wages for that position were eligible. After duly searching for records for County policy on that issue, none could be found. The wages for Franklin County Council were also questioned as to whether or not they were eligible. The Audit also revealed that the wages for County employees who also worked the Elections were not included as "eligible" and that needs to be corrected. The Auditor's office will work with the State on getting the correct amount submitted. The Auditor requested a handbook meeting to address these issues and to

establish the policy on what positions in Franklin County government are eligible. A handbook meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017.

**Franklin County Election Board – Polling Locations:** Linda Vaughan presented to the Commissioners the changes the Election Board is proposing in polling locations for the 2018 General Election. There will still be 23 precincts and the proposed changes will be for the purposes of combining polling boards. The Election Board will do a lot of public announcements about the changed polling locations before the 2018 election. **Motion to approve new polling locations by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Ted Cooley discussed the Franklin County Highway Work Zone Safety facts.

**North River Road Bridge – Advertise the bids for the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Motion for Tom Linkel to sign plans for River Road N, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Amended Motion:** Amended motion that they all sign the construction plan to advertise for bids for North River Road Bridge by Tom Linkel.

Additional written Update by FC Engineer: Big Cedar NRCS Projects

July – Design

August – Develop Contract Package

September – Advertise

October – Construction

2017 Community Crossing Grant

Bridge Projects:

1. North River Road Bridge: BR-1004 \$150,000
2. South River Road Bridge: HI-1402 \$200,000
3. Highland Center Bridge Overlay: BR#59 \$90,000
4. Sanes Creek Bridge Overlay: BR#145 \$60,000
5. Oldenburg Bridge Overlay: BR#163 \$30,000
6. Duck Creek Bridge Overlay: BR#143 \$40,000
7. Pocket Road Bridge Culverts: BR#69 \$30,000

2016 Community Crossing Grant Funding – Bridge Projects

Overlay contractor expected to start this week or next on Yellow Bank.

Meeting being set up with epoxy overlay material supplier & Latex contractor.

**Approve Minutes – June 13, 2017: Motion to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**



Tom Wilson asked the Auditor about the Park fees collected for camping, etc. Eric Roberts questioned the fees collected by other departments as well and whether the money collected went back into those specific funds or into County General. Fees collected presently go into County General. The park fees can be directed back into the Park fund by ordinance.

Eric Roberts questioned the sixteen days of holiday pay for a jailer. Auditor clarified that it was not days but hours.

**Approve Payroll – Motion to approve payroll by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Eric Roberts discussed the purchasing requirements from the Indiana State Board of Accounts and that it should be referenced in any policy established by the County.


Eric Roberts stated that he will not be present at the July 18, 2017 Commissioner's meeting.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

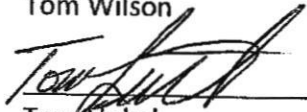
**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Tom Vohland, Neysa Raible, Connie Bischoff, Linda Vaughan, Sara Duffy, Ted Cooley and John Estridge.

Minutes from June 20, 2017 accepted.

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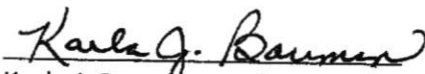
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JULY 5, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, 203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on July 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Carol Westerman was absent.

**Approve Payroll – Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Hearing – Gobbler's Knob:** Presentation by Grant Reeves on the petition to vacate public way was presented to Commissioners. Mr. Reeves represented the petitioner in this matter. The proper publication and notices were given prior to the public hearing. The floor was opened for public comments and there were no objections to vacating the public way. The public hearing was then closed.

Regular meeting was re-opened.

**Motion for Tom Wilson to sign Public Transportation 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reimbursement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes: Motion to approve June 20<sup>th</sup> minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims: Motion to approve all claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Eric Roberts – One of the cooling towers at the jail has failed. He has received to proposals for replacement.

Hirt & Elco - \$33,395.00

Connersville Heating & Cooling, Inc. - \$40,275.00

**Motion that we accept the bid from Hirt & Elco for \$33,395 and that Eric sign it, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Grant Reeves – Unkept and Unsafe Building Ordinance 2017:** Grant Reeves explained the revisions that he made to the proposed ordinance. Said ordinance has also been presented to the APC for their review. The ordinance should be ready to adopt at the July 18, 2017 meeting.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:**

Ted Cooley presented a funding letter for the 2017 Community Crossing Grant application to be signed by the President. There was discussion in regards to increasing some of the numbers to be make sure we were eligible to receive the full \$1,000,000. **Motion that Tom Wilson sign the Commitment Funding letter for the 2017 Community Crossing Grant application by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Bridge Inspection Supplemental Agreement – Special Inspection will be on Bridges #55 and #144. All other inspections will be routine. **Motion to sign the Supplemental Agreement #2 for the Bridge Inspections between Franklin County Board of Commissioners and Butler, Ferman and Seufert, Federal Des. Number 1382110, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

GIS Application Agreement – (Theorem GEO Assoc., LLC): **Motion to Sign the agreement so Therorem GEO can have access to our GIS by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Rumpke Contract:** Eric Roberts asked if any other Companies were sought. Mr. Roberts would like more than one quote. **Motion to renew the contract with Rumpke for three (3) years by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts – opposed, motion carried 2-1.**

Health Insurance Renewal – Copies distributed. All questions should be addressed to Pinnacle. Next Commissioners' meeting will be July 18, 2017. Renewal is due in September. No decision made at this time. Sara Duffy asked a question about referenced based pricing.

John Estridge asked a question in regards to the aquifer. Short discussion with members of the public.

Tom Wilson acknowledged receiving Form 144's from the Franklin County Auditor for the 2018 employee salary recommendations. The Commissioners must present to Franklin County Council by August 20, 2017.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.**

**Others Present:** Sara Duffy, Gary R., Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Brant Roberts, Betty C. Lecher, Rob Selg, Jo Ann Metz, Ted Cooley and Cathy Pelsor.

Minutes Approved July 18, 2017.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JULY 18, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, 203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on July 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Eric Roberts was absent.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**APPROVE MINUTES – July 5, 2017: Motion to approve July 5, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**UTILITY CLAIMS: Motion to approve Utility Claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Treasurer's, Veteran's, Clerk's Report for June 2017 – Motion to acknowledge receipt of the June reports for the Treasurer, Veteran Officer and Clerk by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cindy Orschell, Director Area Plan – Rezones:** Ms. Orschell presented two proposals for rezoning for the Commissioners consideration. The first one was for a recreational rezone to Unit Development which the APC gave a favorable recommendation. It is for parcel # 24-04-22-100-008.000-007, Section 22, Township 10, Range 2 located in Fairfield Township. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-15 recreational rezone to unit development, contingent upon final approval with Area Plan Commission, Parcel # 24-04-22-100-008.000-007 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carries. Motion in favor of preliminary plan and to send back to Area Plan Commission for final approval, by Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

The second proposed rezone was for a (A2) Secondary Agricultural to (I-2) Open Industrial which the Area Plan Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation. It is for parcel #24-16-26-200-001.000-008, Section 26, Township 8, Range 2 located in Highland Township. Mr. Wilson explained to those in the audience that an executive session was held to gain the necessary information to make a decision. Mr. Reeves explained why the need for confidentiality and that Indiana law allowed the executive session to take place for economic development purposes. There were several citizens in the audience that spoke out against the rezoning of the 86.90 acres. Mr. Schirmer read the proposed restrictions and Mr. Derickson with the APC stated that the APC may have been more favorable if they were provided the same details that were provided to the Commissioners. **Motion to rezone this parcel with the following restrictions, Outdoor storage is permitted pursuant to any restrictions set forth in the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance for an I-2 district. Beyond such outdoor storage provision, any use that is not also a Permitted Use in an I-1 district shall require the grant of a**

**Class 3 Conditional Use, pursuant to the guidelines for Conditional Uses set forth in the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance and in Indiana State Statutes (or equivalent procedure and public hearing requirement under any amendments to the Ordinance or State Statute), seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

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Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Meeting reconvened.

**Motion by Tom Wilson to approve Ordinance 2017-16 rezoning Parcel # 24-16-26-200-001.000-000-008 from (A2) Secondary Agricultural to (I-2) Open Industrial, containing 86.90 acres, Section 26, Township 8, Range 2 located in Highland Township, with the following restrictions: Outdoor storage is permitted pursuant to any restrictions set forth in the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance for an I-2 district. Beyond such outdoor storage provision, any use that is not also a Permitted Use in an I-1 district shall require the grant of a Class 3 Conditional Use, pursuant to the guidelines for Conditional Uses set forth in the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance and in Indiana State Statutes (or equivalent procedure and public hearing requirement under any amendments to the Ordinance or State Statute), seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates**

- **Federal Funds Authorization**
- **Bridge Inspection Contract**

Mr. Cooley presented the bridge inspection for the Commissioners approval. **Motion by Tom Wilson to sign the Supplemental Number 2 EDS No.: A249-14-320956 Bridge Inspection Contract with INDOT, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ted Cooley thanked the public for their patience with bridge closings and asked for their continuing understanding with that. Mr. Linkel wanted more signage used and Mr. Wilson suggested increased usage of the Nixel.

**Approve Payroll: Motion to approve payroll as presented by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Tom Linkel, Commissioner – Highway Small Contracts:** Mr. Linkel explained the need for a policy to be established in regards to signing small contracts and change orders at the Highway Department. **Motion by Tom Wilson to give Tom Linkel the authority to sign contracts and change orders up to \$20,000 with notification prior to the next commissioner's meeting, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**ARIS GROUP-** Presentation to Commissioners on the voluntary benefits available from them for County Employees. They will be back on August 24, 2017 for the County's "Insurance Fair".



**HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL:** The renewal date for the insurance is September 1, 2017. There is a slight increase overall but Medical Mutual has decreased their fee. **Motion to renew health insurance and our reinsurer, MedBen and Pinnacle is Broker, Option 2, \$60,000, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.** (Renewal is attached.)

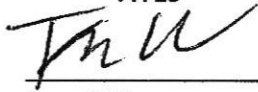
**UNSAFE/UNKEPT-BUILDING ORDINANCE:** An Ordinance to Establish an Unkept Building Law in Franklin County, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-9-1. **Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-17 Unkept and Unsafe Building Law, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

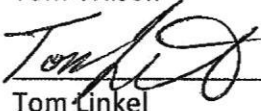
Others Present: Paul Guilfoyle, Greg Guilfoyle, Julia Wilhelm Guilfoyle, Patricia McLeary, Connie Dudley, Gabrielle Weaver, Sara Duffy, Brenda Zimmer, Pat Wolfer, Robert Wilhelm, Wayne Monroe, Sandy Schneider, James Knecht, Bill Gibbs, Kim Riebsomer, Ed Derickson, Linda Sintz, Randall Holman, Betty C. Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Dotti Roleson, Bill Roleson, Warren McDonald, Tom Gentz, Tim George, Cindy Orschell, John Estridge, Tom Wilson, Sally Wilson and Bill Schirmer.

**Minutes approved August 1, 2017.**

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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts: ABSTAINED

Attested By:

  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

# PINNACLE ADVISORY GROUP

INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS

## Renewal options

On this page, sign to authorize the rates and initial to select the renewal you want

Policyholder name:	Franklin County Government	Authorized signature:	<i>Tom Wilsoke</i>
Account number:	214167	Printed name:	TOM WILSOKE
Renewal status:	Open	Printed title:	COMMISSIONER
		Date signed:	7-18-17

Current and renewal rate summary	
Tier	Employees
Single	48
Family	47
Total	95

Specific Stop Loss policy details and renewal options				
Plan thresholds	Current	Renewal	Renewal option 1	Renewal option 2
Individual Specific deductible	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$60,000
Aggregating Specific deductible	None	None	None	None
Annual maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Lifetime maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

Specific rates	Current	Renewal	Renewal option 1	Renewal option 2
Claims basis	PAID	PAID	PAID	PAID
Benefits covered	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx
Single	\$205.86	\$276.07	\$259.00	\$243.11
Family	\$433.40	\$681.33	\$545.40	\$511.93
Total monthly premium	\$30,255.31	\$40,573.87	\$38,065.80	\$35,729.99
Renewal rate action as a % increase to current monthly premium		34.1%	25.8%	18.1%

Aggregate Stop Loss policy details and renewal options				
Aggregate rates	Current	Renewal	Renewal option 1	Renewal option 2
Aggregate Benefit Maximum	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Per employee per month rate	\$12.16	\$12.77	\$12.77	\$12.77
Total monthly premium	\$1,165.20	\$1,213.15	\$1,213.15	\$1,213.15
Renewal rate action as a % increase to current monthly premium		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Aggregate thresholds and rates	Current	Renewal	Renewal option 1	Renewal option 2
Claims basis	PAID	PAID	PAID	PAID
Benefits covered	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx	Medical and Rx
Corridor	125%	125%	125%	125%
Composite Aggregate deductible factor	\$930.61	\$1,066.45	\$1,086.68	\$1,114.84
- Medical	\$773.08	\$811.17	\$841.40	\$869.56
- Rx Drug	\$157.53	\$245.28	\$245.28	\$245.28
Minimum Attachment Point	\$88,407.95	#VALUE!	\$103,234.60	\$105,909.80
Estimated monthly renewal liability	\$88,407.95	\$100,362.75	\$103,234.60	\$105,909.80
Renewal rate action as a % increase to current monthly aggregate deductible factors		13.5%	16.8%	19.8%

Total estimated annual plan costs				
Total costs	Current	Renewal	Renewal option 1	Renewal option 2
Total annual premium	\$376,926.12	\$501,444.24	\$471,347.40	\$443,317.68
Annual Aggregate Attachment Point	1,080,895.40	1,204,353.00	1,238,815.20	1,270,917.60
Total estimated self-funded plan costs	\$1,437,821.52	\$1,705,797.24	\$1,710,162.60	\$1,714,235.28
Renewal rate action as a % increase to total estimated annual plan cost		18.6%	18.9%	19.2%

Select renewal option			
Initial selected renewal option			

The rates agreed upon in this renewal acceptance form are effective on the policy renewal date and take precedence over any billing statements that may be received in the interim

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## Renewal options, continued

On this page, sign to authorize the features, services, and assumptions included in your renewal

Policyholder name:	Franklin County Government
Account number:	214167
Authorized signature:	<i>Tom Wilson</i>
Printed name:	Tom Wilson
Printed title:	Commissioner
Date:	5-17-17

### Specific Stop-Loss coverage

The following options and programs are included in your policy:

#### Options:

- **No New Lasers at Renewal option with Renewal Rate Cap of 50%**  
This option prevents new lasers. The rate cap applies to Specific rates and the Aggregating Specific deductible (if applicable), and it assumes there are no material changes to the underlying plan, the Sun Life Stop-Loss policy, or the covered group.
- **Mirroring Endorsement**  
Mirroring of your plan document is subject to review and approval by Sun Life and may affect the quoted rates. To include this endorsement with your policy, within 90 days of the policy effective date, we need your plan document and an executed Renewal Options signature page.
- **Simultaneous Reimbursement option**
- **Rx Standard Service**  
With this service, once your prescription drug claims reporting is received, Sun Life will combine the prescription drug claims data with any medical claims data we have received at an individual-covered-person level to determine total eligible expenses. Based upon the information provided, your PBM vendor is Medical Benefits Administrators. It remains your responsibility to ensure that prescription drug claims are submitted to us from you or those acting on your behalf.

#### Programs:

- **[New!] SunElite™ medical document review service**  
This program is available to all Sun Life Stop-Loss customers.
- **SunExcel® Centers of Excellence transplant program**  
This exclusive program is provided to all Sun Life Stop-Loss customers.
- **SunResources® preferred network program**  
This exclusive program is provided to all Sun Life Stop-Loss customers.

The following are not included in your policy:

- **Clinical Trials option**
- **Electronic Funds Transfer**
- **Retiree coverage**
- **Terminal Liability option**

#### Assumptions

- **Transplant rider**  
Sun Life assumes that if a Transplant rider is in place with your health care plan, Sun Life is designated as secondary claims payer.

#### Producer commissions

Sun Life pays the following commission percent to the Stop-Loss producer: 15.0%.

#### Specific Stop-Loss renewal acceptance

Acceptance of your Specific Stop-Loss renewal by Sun Life is subject to timely receipt of a signed renewal proposal and contingent upon a review of large claims over \$25,000 with diagnosis/prognosis for the period of September 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 with accompanying required information. For large claims,

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## Renewal options, continued

On this page, sign to authorize the features, services, and assumptions the required information includes paid claims, pending claims, and notification of known situations. Upon review of your large claims information, we reserve the right to recalculate quoted rates.

The rates quoted in this renewal proposal assume an Annual Maximum of Unlimited, with an Unlimited Lifetime Maximum. Please be aware that there may be a gap in coverage if your self-funded plan uses a calendar year, because Sun Life's Annual Maximum does not use a calendar year. Instead, the Sun Life Annual Maximum relies on the Sun Life Stop-Loss Policy Year Maximum. If you choose to change to the Sun Life Stop-Loss Unlimited option, there will be no gap in coverage. The Sun Life Unlimited Maximum option will cost \$. per single and family rate.

Sun Life will not reimburse for claims expenses that incur outside the Policy Year parameters.

### Aggregate Stop-Loss

- **Features**

Monthly Aggregate Accommodation is not included.  
Terminal Liability option is not included.

#### Minimum Attachment Points

Renewal	Renewal Option 1	Renewal Option 2
#VALUE!	\$1,238,815.20	\$1,270,917.60

- **Aggregate Stop-Loss renewal acceptance**

Renewal acceptance of Aggregate coverage by Sun Life is subject to timely receipt of a signed renewal proposal and contingent upon a review of monthly claims and lives, by line of coverage, for the period of September 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Upon review of that information, we reserve the right to recalculate the Aggregate Attachment Point.

### General coverage

- **Assumptions**

The above rates assume that your underlying plan will be brought into compliance with the Mental Health Parity Act and that covered expenses, as defined under the Mental Health Parity Act, will be covered as "any other illness." This renewal proposal also assumes that there are no underlying plan limits that are inconsistent with the guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- **Affordable Care Act accommodations**

This renewal proposal represents Sun Life's efforts to work with you to meet your requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including, but not limited to, the dependent age provisions of the ACA. According to the rescission provision of the ACA, it is the self-funded medical plan's responsibility to keep its census data up to date at all times. If the plan inadvertently does not remove a terminated participant, Sun Life may deny any claims from the participant. However, in that situation, the self-funded medical plan is responsible for the claim.



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## General Contingencies

These General Contingencies set forth the overall understanding between Medical Benefits Administrators, Inc. ("MBA") and the entity requesting a proposal for third party, benefit administrative services. For purposes of these General Contingencies, the entity requesting such proposal shall be referred to as "employer" or "plan sponsor" interchangeably.

1. MBA assumes that the employer has established its welfare benefit plan for the exclusive benefit of its employees and/or members (hereinafter collectively "employees"), as described by the rules and regulations set forth under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"), collectively as amended, and/or any other applicable laws and regulations, including applicable state law, and that the employer will act as Plan Administrator, fiduciary and/or Named Fiduciary for the plan, as those terms are defined by ERISA and/or other applicable law.
2. MBA assumes that the individuals covered under the plan are "employees" of the employer, as that term is defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") for federal tax withholding and ACA purposes and that the plan does not intend to cover individuals acting solely as independent contractors; leased employees; consultants; individuals on retainer; retirees; or surviving spouses/dependents of active employees or retirees. Any quote offered by MBA will be void as to any of the types of individuals previously named, unless MBA's quote for administrative services states otherwise.
3. MBA assumes that the proposal requests information regarding welfare benefit plan design issues for the employer only. If the employees of other companies are to be covered, MBA assumes that the employer and these other companies are commonly owned and/or part of a control group, within the meaning of Section 414(b), (c), or (m) of the Code, as applicable. MBA also assumes that if the employees of other companies are to be covered under the employer's plan that this arrangement does not violate state and/or federal laws governing Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements ("MEWAs") and/or other applicable laws and regulations.
4. MBA is proposing its self-funded benefit management services only, not insured arrangements.
5. Any agreement between MBA and the employer does not relieve the employer, the plan sponsor and/or Plan Administrator, of any of its/their responsibilities under the plan and under state and/or federal laws and/or regulations, whether express or implied, including, but not limited to, establishing a trust (if required), reporting and disclosure requirements, funding issues, and privacy/security and confidentiality legal and regulatory requirements.
6. MBA will not assume the employer's or plan sponsor's discretionary authority as Plan Administrator, fiduciary and/or Named Fiduciary under any plan established. Although MBA will not assume the responsibility of an ERISA fiduciary, MBA will observe the standard of care and diligence required of a licensed and registered Third Party Administrator. MBA is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of the employer.
7. MBA outsources some of the services it is proposing to service vendors which will assist both the employer and MBA with the management of the employer's benefits. In some cases, these vendors are contracted directly by MBA and in other cases the employer must contract with the vendor. A complete listing of the vendors and their fees is available from MBA. In the event the employer selects a service provided by an outsourced vendor, the employer agrees to pay such vendor's service fees (both flat dollar fees and/or percentage of savings fees). MBA will include the fees applicable to and due from the employer for services it has selected in its Benefit Management Agreement and related Exhibits.
8. In the event that an employer or plan sponsor (whether directly or through their agent/broker) selects to utilize the services of their own alternative vendor (other than a vendor already approved by MBA), the employer or plan sponsor must provide MBA with ample time and accurate information in order to properly and effectively implement and administer such vendor or service, provide customer service, add appropriate language to the plan document and any other administrative functions necessary as determined by MBA.
9. MBA assumes that all benefit options and contribution levels are available to all employees and that the plan(s) meet(s) the non-discrimination requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 105(h), if applicable. MBA does not perform any discrimination testing for its clients. MBA will require that any plan not meeting the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 105(h) be brought into compliance.
10. MBA will furnish assistance to the employer in the implementation of its self-funded plan, but MBA will not provide legal advice or opinions regarding same. From time to time, MBA will offer suggestions regarding ways to bring the employer's plan(s) into compliance with new and/or existing laws. The employer understands that such suggestions

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and/or recommendations are not legal advice and encourages the preparation and implementation of such plan be reviewed and monitored by the employer's legal counsel and/or tax advisor.

11. MBA has reviewed the basic information given regarding plan options and design and will work with the employer to ensure that the self-funded plan drafted on its behalf meets the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended (ERISA), the Affordable Care Act of 2010, collectively as amended (ACA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the HITECH Act) and the requirements of the final modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules as issued on January 25, 2013, the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996, and other applicable laws and/or regulations. If requested, MBA will review all other benefit plan design issues for compliance in the event MBA is selected as third party administrator. However, MBA will not be responsible for the tax and legal consequences resulting from the adoption and operation of the employer's self-funded employee welfare benefit plan(s) and the employer maintains sole responsibility for the plan and its content.

12. The employer will have the sole responsibility for creating, implementing and complying with its own internal privacy and security policies and procedures as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009. MBA has created, adopted and implemented its own privacy and security policies and procedures in compliance with these laws, including its own internal disclosure and confidentiality procedures.

13. Changes in plan design may cause changes in stop-loss carrier rates or other vendor fees. In addition, offering different benefits to different employee classes and/or allowing varying levels of contributions between employee classes may require that more than one plan document be created. Unless otherwise noted, this proposal assumes that one plan document will be implemented. In the event more than one plan is required, MBA reserves the right to increase its fees under this proposal, including adjusting the set-up fee accordingly.

14. The employer will have final and sole authority regarding the funding of any plan established, as the term funding is used in ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and any other applicable law and/or regulation. However, as a contractual matter between MBA and the employer or plan sponsor, the employer or plan sponsor agrees to abide strictly to MBA's standard payment procedures, as described in its Benefit Management Agreement. The employer understands that failure to follow these standard payment procedures results in termination of its contract with MBA.

15. Coverage guarantees including, but not limited to, waiver of actively at work requirements, continuations and extensions of coverage, and matching current benefit plan designs are agreed to by MBA. MBA cannot make this guarantee on behalf of any excess (stop-loss) insurance carrier or other vendors who may also bid on this case or with whom the employer may contract.

16. Any rate, commission and/or fee guarantees made in response to the proposal are made on behalf of MBA only and not on behalf of other vendors with whom MBA and/or the employer may contract. While MBA will assist the employer, the employer is ultimately responsible for negotiating any arrangements with vendors other than MBA.

17. MBA will assist the employer in developing, producing and printing materials for use with any self-funded plan established however, additional fees may be assessed.

18. MBA considers notice of information within its proposal and these General Contingencies when given to the employer's or plan sponsor's agent(s), consultant(s) or other representative(s) to be notice to the employer or plan sponsor.

19. In the event the employer is selecting its excess (stop-loss) insurance carrier or other vendor services without MBA's assistance, MBA's fees and services described in this proposal will be contingent upon MBA's final approval of the excess (stop-loss) insurance carrier or other vendor selected. In addition, MBA shall not be responsible for the preparation and/or submission of any application forms, including disclosure form(s) or application(s), required by the excess (stop-loss) carrier or other vendor, unless agreed to in writing. MBA reserves the right to retract its quote and proposal in the event the employer does not receive such approval from MBA.

20. In the event the employer or plan sponsor is selecting its excess (stop-loss) carrier from the pool of proposals presented by MBA, the employer or plan sponsor agrees that it is selecting the excess (stop-loss) carrier of its own volition and that MBA is not and will not be a party to the excess (stop-loss) carrier policy or contract. It shall be the sole responsibility of the employer or plan sponsor to contract for the services of such carriers. If MBA assists the employer or plan sponsor in purchasing excess (stop-loss) insurance, the employer or plan sponsor shall remain solely responsible for compliance with the provisions of the excess (stop-loss) insurance policy. In addition, MBA shall assist the employer or plan sponsor with the completion of required documentation, including disclosure statements



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and applications, but the employer or plan sponsor agrees that it shall be solely responsible for providing all information and documentation needed to complete such items as required by the excess (stop-loss) carrier to obtain excess (stop-loss) coverage from the excess (stop-loss) carrier selected by the employer or plan sponsor.

21. MBA shall assist the employer or plan sponsor with the submission of claims to the employer's or plan sponsor's excess (stop-loss) carrier for reimbursement consideration under the employer's or plan sponsor's excess (stop-loss) policy by following MBA's usual and customary excess stop-loss claims submission procedures. The employer or plan sponsor agrees that MBA does not guarantee the receipt of any excess (stop-loss) carrier reimbursements.

22. In some circumstances, provider network (or other vendor) contracts may contain clauses which are inconsistent with or contrary to these General Contingencies and/or MBA's responses to your Request for Proposal (RFP). In the event such inconsistencies or contradictions arise, MBA shall not be bound to its responses to the RFP or to these General Contingencies.

23. MBA has reviewed the basic plan design submitted with your Request for Proposal and has responded according to our understanding of same. Claim payment for most plan designs are handled in an automated environment, however, at times a benefit type may be requested that is atypical and requires manual intervention. If such a benefit design is ultimately selected by the employer, MBA will not be bound by our RFP responses or these General Contingencies as they pertain to those components that require manual claims payment intervention and reserves the right to adjust our fees accordingly.

24. MBA will require that the employer enter into MBA's standard Benefit Management Agreement, including all Exhibits thereto, and any other applicable agreements entered into between MBA and the employer and/or group requesting services, including, but not limited to MBA's Business Associate Agreement. MBA will require that the Plan Administrator, plan sponsor and employer execute MBA's standard contract.

25. MBA will require that the employer or plan sponsor establish separate claims checking accounts for each separate self-funded plan created and adopted.

26. The employer, Plan Administrator, and/or plan sponsor have the ultimate responsibility to make sure that payments made on behalf of the plan, including those to agents, brokers, vendors, etc., match the value of the services received by the plan. As third party administrator, MBA will notify you of any fees and expenses requested be paid to the agents, brokers, and vendors with whom the plan contracts and/or does business. However, it is the employer, Plan Administrator and plan sponsor, not MBA, who have the sole responsibility to determine if the services provided by such vendors are sufficient, adequate and appropriate for the plan and that such fees and expenses are reasonable expenses of plan administration.

27. If utilization review, case management and/or medical cost management services are purchased from MBA's preferred or ancillary utilization review/medical cost management vendor(s), the employer agrees to pay for services as billed by such vendor(s), including, but not limited to, case management, medical necessity review and retrospective review and any additional pre-certification services requested beyond MBA's standard package or pricing.

28. MBA shall disclose, under our standard services agreement, the fees, commissions and broker fees, which are being paid in conjunction with products and services provided for under our agreement about which MBA has been notified. MBA bears no responsibility for disclosing fee and/or commission information about which it has no knowledge and has no responsibility to investigate if additional fees, commissions or payments are being made or offered. In addition, MedBen Marketing Services, Inc. and certain MBA employees may also receive certain commissions. Some commissions may be based on volume of business with certain vendors and may be based on total premiums placed with that vendor. In some cases, MBA may add a stop-loss coordination fee to the excess (stop-loss) carrier's premium in lieu of commission.

The UNDERSIGNED attests that it is authorized to sign this General Contingencies document on behalf of the employer or plan sponsor requesting a proposal for benefit administration services from Medical Benefits Administrators, Inc. (MBA) and hereby affirms, acknowledges and understands the foregoing.

FC GOVERNMENT  
Employer or Plan Sponsor  
TOM WILSON  
Printed Name

7-18-17  
Date  
[Signature]  
Signature

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on August 1, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Wilson was absent.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**10:00 a.m. – Open Bids – Bridge No. 133 River Road:** Eric Roberts asked Ted Cooley if the change orders made in the last week change the number of bids we received. Ted Cooley said no. There were 3 bids received:

1. Duncan Robertson, Inc. - \$190,999.00
2. Triple C Contractors, LLC - \$ 40,000
3. Copperhead Excavating - \$76,500

**Motion to take bids under advisement until August 15, 2017 meeting by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Linkel advised the media and audience that the change order that was signed was sent from his email to everybody, however, not everybody received it. Short discussion on issues with emails in various offices. Mr. Roberts stated that amendments to bids are common, however, amendments to this magnitude are not.

**Karla Bauman, FC Auditor – Commissioners Budget.** Karla Bauman requested permission to pay certain expenses currently appropriated in Fund 1170 Public Safety for both the Jail and Communications from the Commissioners budget. This is requested due to Fund 1170 being over-appropriated in 2017. **Motion for said expenses as stated by the Auditor to be paid from the Commissioner's budget by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes – July 18, 2017:** Minutes will be approved at the next meeting, August 15, 2017.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll as submitted by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017 Advanced Claims Payments:** Will be done at next meeting.

**Ordinance 2017 Purchasing Order Rules and Ordinance 2017 Bidding Procedures:** After a short discussion, it was determined that these two ordinances should be combined into one. Will further discuss at the next meeting, August 15, 2017.

**EMS Contract – Jan.1, 2018 to December 31, 2020:** Will wait until August 15, 2017 meeting. Both Commissioners were concerned with there not being no termination clause in the contract should there not be available funding in the future. They would also like to change it from a 3 year contract to an annual renewable. County Council will need to take action by September 1, 2017 on EMS request for Public Safety funds.

Public comments and discussion in regards to the recently renewed contract signed for the employee's health insurance.

**Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Perry Knox (Durham Engineering), Wayne Monroe, Marc Robertson, James Sprague, Sara Duffy and Marty Hon (E&H)

Minutes for July 18, 2017 and August 1, 2017 approved.

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Abstained  
Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel  
Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts  
Eric Roberts

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Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts

Attested by: Karla J. Bauman  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on August 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**MARTHA VANDERBILT – Fox Run Campground (sign):** Martha Vanderbilt presented a request for a sign to be posted by the Fox Run Campground. Commissioners requested that Mr. Cooley speak with Martha Vanderbilt and report back to the them. There was a discussion in regards to the ATV permits issued to owners of non-residential lots in Franklin County.

**APPROVE MINUTES – July 18, 2017:** Motion to approve July 18, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES – August 1, 2017:** Motion to approve August 1, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts. Tom Wilson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE CLAIMS:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts. All in favor, motion carried.

**VETERAN'S REPORT:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of Veteran's Report for July, 2017 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC. – BIS Digital:** Quote for hearing devices for the meeting room. Eric Roberts also met with Jim Kolb about the microphone system. Mr. Kolb estimates that it will be less than \$2,000. BIS Digital had submitted a quote for \$2,800. **Motion to transfer \$3,500 from Building Repairs to Equipment in Fund Cum Cap and by the first meeting in September we should have a hard quote from Mr. Kolb and make our decision then,** by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Linkel discussed the new overlay process that Ennekings are using. Daryl Kramer asked about the Duck Creek Bridge timeframe. Commissioners stated that it may be closed for two days.

**Ordinance 2017 – Advanced Claims Payments and Ordinance 2017 – Purchasing Order Rules & Bidding Procedures:** Moved to the next Commissioners' meeting, August 29, 2017.

**Ted Cooley – FC Engineer – Updates & Award Bid – Bridge 133 River Road:**

Triple C Contractors were the low bidders for the River Road Bridge #133 project. They do have a bond that covers 100% of the costs. **Motion to award Triple C Contractors, LLC for the River**

**Road Bridge project in the sum of \$40,000, no change orders by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**6<sup>th</sup> BRIDGE PROJECT:** Motion to sign the signature page of Bridge 56, 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Construction by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. An open lane will be maintained. The total estimate for the project is \$564,534.

**CONSULTING SERVICES – Clark Dietz Inspection Team:** Motion to sign the Clark Dietz Inspection team by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**BIG CEDAR EWP PROJECTS - Presentation of drawings for signature:** Motion to sign the plans for Bank Stabilization Project for Big Cedar Road by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Estimated cost is \$112,000. Construction should begin approximately October 9<sup>th</sup> and should take approximately 11 days to complete. This project will fix the damage caused in September, 2016.

**ORDINANCE 2011-06 – Travel & Conference Funds:** The ordinance needs to be modified in regards to parking fees, mileage and hotel fees. Hotel tax is exempt if a county check is used to pay for the hotel fees. If an individual pays for the costs, the tax is not exempt and must be refunded from the Indiana Department of Revenue. Mr. Worth will review and propose the necessary changes for a future meeting. Eric Roberts would be okay with the parking fee being the actual costs, with the exclusion of valet parking.

**EMS Contract – January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2020:** Motion to sign the three year EMS Contract for \$300,000 per year by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion in regards to there not being any termination clause or indemnity clause in the contract.

**APPROVE PAYROLL:** Motion to approve payroll as presented by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

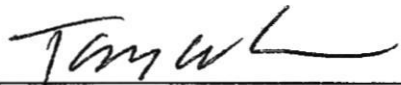
**ERIC ROBERTS:** Update on the Government Building roof. The roof will be inspected twice a year with monthly visual inspections during the summer months.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Perry Knox, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Ted Cooley, Martha Vanderbilt, John Estridge, Monica Yane, Daryl Kramer, Durham Engineering.

Minutes for August 15, 2017 approved.


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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



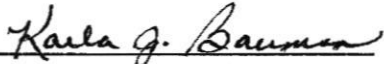
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ATTESTED BY:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor



FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
AUGUST 29, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on August 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**DAN DAY, RE/MAX – North Co. Line Rd:** Follow-up on previous discussion from the May 9, 2017 Commissioner's meeting. Who is currently maintaining the road? Part of the roadway is in Franklin County, Dearborn County and St. Leon. The road has been abandoned and has not been maintained for over 50 to 60 years. There is an unmaintained County right-of-way on survey from about 15 years ago (20 foot wide). Joe Gillespie explained how roads evolved in the State of Indiana. You can still see remnants of the old road. Landowners can petition the County to vacate the right-of-way to a private drive.

**APPROVE MINUTES – August 15, 2017:** Motion to approve the August 15, 2017 Minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE CLAIMS:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT & TREASURER'S REPORT – July, 2017:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of Clerk and Treasurer Reports for July, 2017 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**TED COOLEY, FC ENGINEER – Updates:**

**River Road Bridge Project** – Presentation of contract for signature. The contract was awarded to Triple C Contractors, LLC. The contract was signed by Tom Wilson. Work is to begin September 5, 2017.

**Durham Engineering – IDEM Big Cedar Creek Violations:** There was a short discussion describing the violations as a result of rechanneling the creek. Once a creek naturally changes, it cannot be changed. An explanation from IDEM, DNR & US Corp of Engineers was provided as to why these were violations. **Motion to sign Durham Engineering Task Order for Big Cedar Creek, in the estimated amount of \$31,775, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** It was asked who was responsible for the violations. Mr. Linkel approved the dozer rental and Mr. Roberts approved the work.

**FHWA 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project** – Presentation of contract for signature with Clark Dietz, Inc. for \$73,000. **Motion for Ted Cooley to send the LPA Consulting Contract to INDOT by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.** Bids will be accepted in January, 2018.

**Big Cedar EWP Projects** – Bid opening September 12, 2017. There were three contractors for the first pre-bid meeting. The next meeting will be September 6, 2017.

**2016 Community Crossing Grant Funding – Bridge Projects** – Overlay construction Duck Creek Bridge – Tom Linkel described this process. Bridge #143 Bridge is about 70 years old.

**Change Order No. 1 – Enneking Pressure Cleaning:** Mr. Roberts wants to make sure on all future projects that straw seeding, traffic control, barricades, etc. should be part of the original bid project and contract.

**Ordinance 2017 – Advanced Claims Payment:** The Ordinance was read by Mr. Wilson. No motion. Will discuss at next meeting.

**Ordinance 2017 – Purchasing Order Rules & Bidding Procedures:** No Motion. Will discuss at next meeting.

**Ordinance 2011-06 – Travel & Conference Funds:** No Motion. Will discuss at next meeting.

**“Joint Purchasing Ordinance”** – for trucks, equipment, etc. There is an organization that you can belong to that negotiates prices, which allows for cheaper purchasing without going through the open bids.

**APPROVE PAYROLL** – Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**T & J Sound Productions – Quote:** Motion to accept both estimates from T & J Sounds, 4 handheld microphones and box in the sum of \$1,881 and 4 assisted listening devices in the sum of \$1,199.23 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

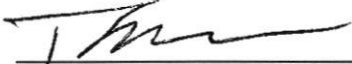
**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Tim George, Robert Wilhelm, Perry Know (Durham Engineering), Dan Day, John Wilhelm, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Ted Cooley and Wayne Monroe.

Minutes for August 29, 2017 approved.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017- 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**Open-** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**Approve Claims-** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer Report-** Motion to acknowledge receipt of Treasurer's Report for August 2017 by Tom Wilson seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer Updates-** There was a discussion between Mr. Cooley and the Commissioners on the following:

**Big Cedar EWP Projects:** presentation of consultant contract for signatures. Ted Cooley applied for a permit in July for this project and has not heard back from IDEM.

**Motion to accept the contract with River Research and Design for the EWP Project not to exceed \$14,000.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Culvert BR-1004, River Road North Replacement Project:** contractor starts today

**2016 CCMG- Bridge Overlay Change Orders**

**Duck Creek Bridge #143:** New Slab deck-\$107,989.00- Commissioners want Ted Cooley to get a special inspection on Duck Creek Bridge before proceeding.

**Highland Center Bridge #59:** 2" Polymeric Concrete Overlay- \$168,093.19- Ted Cooley will talk to the project manager and come back to the next commissioners meeting with updated information.

**Two Quotes- Sheriff Dept. (Air Conditioner):** Eric Roberts would like to check on the difference in the two Carrier models that were bid. **Motion to approve Eric up to \$5,195.00 for air conditioning units to have the ability to pick out the best by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ordinance 2017-18-Advanced Claims Payment-** Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-18 with the removal of C, the paragraph containing Additional Local Claim Payments language by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2017- Authorizing Joint Purchasing:** No action taken

**Ordinance 2017- Purchasing Order Rules & Bidding Procedures:** No action taken

**Ordinance 2011-06- Travel & Conference Funds:** No action taken

**Lawrence Weldishofer:** Lawrence came to the Commissioners with concerns about the road he lives on and that there is property being sold from Dearborn County that the seller is wanting access to the land from the road Lawrence lives on. He and his wife don't want all the traffic and quads coming down that road. There are no taxes paid on this road so the county does not maintain it. The road has officially never been vacated. Eric Roberts says if you vacate the road it will landlock six to eight properties.

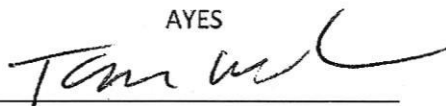
A gentleman stopped into the meeting to have a complaint about Blue Creek Road being closed and only having one man working all the equipment. He told the commissioners that they need more people working but the Commissioners said they don't have anyone else to work there. He also stated that there is metal sticking up through the bridge and it is causing people to have flat tires.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

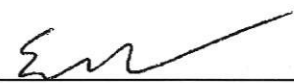
**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Lawrence and Mary Weldishofer, Sara Duffy and Ted Cooley

Minutes for September 5, 2017 approved.

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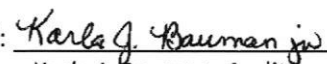
  
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ATTESTED BY:   
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017- 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**Open-** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

There was a moment of silence with all the devastation happening.

**Open Bids- Big Cedar-** Bids were opened by Ted Cooley. The bid for All American Construction was \$16,052.00 for the South site and \$16,902.20 for the North site. The bid for Brackney Inc. for the South site was \$41,984.90 and \$34,376.50 for the North site. **Motion to take under advisement until the next Commissioner's meeting by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Southeastern IN Regional Planning Commission- Open Bids F. C. Rehab Program-** Bids were opened by Patty Jackson. Mike Ridenour bid \$19,075.00 for the address of 21 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Scott Cooper bid \$8,796.08 for 9026 Hidden Valley Lane and \$13,956.38 for 17086 Cane Mill Road. Denny Corn and Sons bid \$14,460.00 for 9026 Hidden Valley Lane, \$14,780.00 for 17086 Cane Mill Road, \$63,162.00 for 22210 Highway 52, \$32,955.00 for 9093 Pence Road and \$29,719.00 for 8004 St. Peters Road. Not all properties received bids so they plan on rebidding those properties. **Motion to take bids under advisement until the next Commissioners meeting by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Brian Vogel- Septic Issues-** Brian lives in Springfield Township where he bought a farm in 2014. Brian's neighbor Dennis Payne's septic is on Brian's side of the property. He wants Dennis to remove the septic. Brian summonsed the Franklin County Health Department and Joe Meier said that it is water under the bridge and there is nothing they can do about it because of the time frame. Dennis only has a temporary permit and no occupancy permit. Brian hired an attorney and took it to court and subpoenaed Joe Meier from the Franklin County Health Department and come to the stand and said he only has a temporary permit and he never followed through with the final inspection. The Judge ordered the septic to be unearthed. Brian summons the State Health Department to come down and supervise the unearthing of the septic. According to a report, the State Health Department, there is a high count of E. Coli on Brian's land coming from the septic. The State Health Department told Dennis he needed to remove the tank and replace the tank and all tile. Brian stated as of yesterday the tank was moved but the same tank was used. Brian has taken this to court and got nowhere with it so he is coming to the Commissioner's to see what they can get done with this. He wants his money back for the attorney that he had to hire. Tom Wilson said is going to contact Alice Quinn and the State and also get with the Franklin County Health Department and then get back with Brian.

**Approve Minutes-** Motion to approve September 5, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims-** Motion to approve claims as presented by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.



**Clerk's Report and Veteran's Report-** Motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Clerk's August monthly report and the Veteran's report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2017-29- Authorizing Joint Purchasing-** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-29 a Resolution Authorizing Joint Purchasing by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ted Cooley – Engineer Updates-** Ted Cooley and the Commissioner's discussed the following:

**Culvert BR-1004, River Road North Replacement Project-** East footing pour Wednesday

**2016 CCMG-Bridge Overlay-Duck Creek Bridge #143 (drilling)-** Presentation of inspection cost- A structure analysis will be done and core sampling will be done. **Motion to approve inspection on Bridge #143 for \$9,660.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Raymond Road Culvert Replacement-** Quotes on full load of 2 pipes, received one quote-obtaining a second

**FHWA Bridge Inspection Standards for 2018-2021-** advertised 9/18/17, due 10/10/17

**Change Order Bridge #59-** Tom Linkel is worried about the cold joint down the center of the bridge. Eric Roberts wants to know if they want to do core sampling on this bridge also. The Highway would have to use 2017 CCMG money which has not been approved yet or there would have to move money from Duck Creek to Highland Center and they would still be short. Tom Linkel is going to let county council know what is going on and the project will probably have to be pushed off until next year.

**Ordinance 2017-19- Travel & Conference Funds-** Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-19 Ordinance Concerning Travel and Conference Expenses for All Government Employees and Officials by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017- Purchasing Order Rules & Bidding Procedures-** No action taken

**Approve Payroll-** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

There was a discussion between the Commissioner's about comp. time and overtime and if they have any suggestions on changing in the handbook.

Eric Roberts talked about the investments what to do when the maturity date is up. The Commissioner's would like to hear from Veronica what she is doing when the maturity date is up on the investments.

Tom Linkel passed out reports to show how Jacque can track hours spent, materials spent etc. on the projects they are doing.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Wayne Monroe, Patty Jackson, Lonnie Whitaker, Robert Braun, Ted Cooley, Sara Duffy, James Sprague and Harry Graves

Minutes for September 12, 2017 approved.

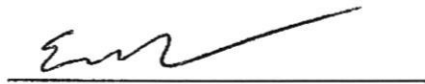
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ATTESTED BY:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017- 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**Open-** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Patty Jackson, SIRPC- Open Bids Rehab Program-** Patty reviewed bids that have been received on certain properties and is asking the Commissioners to sign the contract for the bids. Patty stated that they are looking at rebidding contracts that were not bid on. Wayne Monroe expressed his anger over the properties that have already received bids. **Motion to sign awarded contracts by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Connie Gayda-Main Street Nights-** Nancy Main came to the Commissioner's to see what the guidelines are to use the Courthouse lawn on a third Friday or Saturday night. The Commissioners are going to get back with them.

**Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor-Open Bids for Software-** Sharon advertised bids for software and only received one bid. The deadline to receive bids was at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2017. Sharon opened the bid and it was received from Exsoft Inc. for \$140,000.00. The system the Assessor's office has now is not integrating well with LOW. **Motion to take bid under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Award Bid- Big Cedar Road-** Motion to award to All American Construction and Contracting Inc. with the South side being \$16,052.00 and the North side being \$16,902.00 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Minutes-** Motion to approve August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims-** Motion to approve all claims except Enneking Pressure Cleaning by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Change Order- Bridge #59 Highland Center-** This bridge is being put on hold until the Commissioners can figure out where they are at with grant money.

**Notice to Proceed- Bridge Inspection-** Motion on Notice to Proceed by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer Report on Investment Procedures-** Tom Wilson read the letter received from the Treasurer and a discussion took place.

**Ordinance 2017 -Purchasing Order Rules & Bidding Procedures-** No action was taken. Commissioners are waiting to have more input and information on this.

**Ordinance 2017-21- Conflict of Interest- Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-21 Conflict of Interest by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Streets in Metamora- Canal Days- Motion to close streets on October 7 and 8 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Construction/Maintenance Agreement-Big Cedar Road- Motion to have Tom Linkel sign the agreement for Embankment Stabilization Construction/Maintenance with the Verkley's by Eric Robert, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

A discussion took place on what had been discussed at the Handbook meeting with overtime/comp. time and tattoos. **Motion to strike paragraph 6.3, page 78, Employees who have tattoos must keep any exposed tattoos covered at all times, while at work by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.** Something will be sent out to the department heads stating it is up to the department head on the tattoo office policy as long as they follow the handbook.

There was a discussion about Elkhorn Estates.

Discussion took place about the Community Crossing Matching Grant that the county did not receive. Tom Linkel let the public know that Ted Cooley placed his resignation as County Engineer as of December 1 but will remain part time to help when a new engineer is hired.

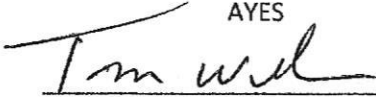
A discussion with the Commissioners about the security cameras in the Courthouse took place.

**Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

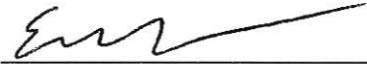
**Others Present-** Mark Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Bob Lecher, Patty Jackson, Sharon Halcomb, Connie Gayda, Nancy Main, Sara Duffy, Daryl Kramer, James Sprague and Nathan Meyer

Minutes for September 26, 2017 approved.

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ATTESTED BY:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on October 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report:** Cathy Pelsor appeared before the Commissioners to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for the Public Transportation which requires Tom Wilson's signature. **Motion to have Tom Wilson sign the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Public Transportation Report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor – Open Bids for Cyclical Reassessment –** The specifications for Cyclical Reassessment 2018-2022 were advertised as required and two bids were received.

1. **Nexus Group** – \$103,000 per year for four years for a total of \$412,000.
2. **Lexur** - \$418,150 for four years.

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**Move to allow Sharon to take bids under advisement to be awarded at a later date by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.** The award date will be at the October 24, 2017 Commissioners' meeting.

**Approve Minutes – September 26, 2017:** Motion to approve September 26<sup>th</sup> minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims – Motion to approve the claims by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.** The Enneking claims that were tabled from the September 26, 2017 meeting were discussed. Eric Roberts was concerned with the change orders that were approved by Ted Cooley and Tom Linkel, without board approval. There was also discussion about any reductions that should be made. **Motion to approve the Enneking claims by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Not Present

**Elkhorn Estates – Letter:** Motion to send letter to bonding company and contractor, Elkhorn Estates, LLC that we will not take on the roads in Elkhorn Estates by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Other Comments:** John Estridge asked about the security cameras in the Courthouse and whether or not they were working. Eric Roberts stated that he is still looking into it and needs to make another phone call.

Tom Linkel discussed the need for creating a job description for the county engineer position and that the job description will be forwarded to County Council for review. Eric Roberts suggested that the County ERC (Employee Responsible in Charge) person receive a salary increase as a carrot. This person is basically the point of contact for the County. The incentive should be a line in the budget.

Tom Wilson asked that questions for any vendor making a presentation during a Commissioner's meeting be directed to the Commissioners and not to the vendor.

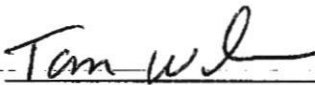
**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Others Present:** Wayne Monroe, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Doug Dagley, Nate Kopp, Sharon Halcomb, Lynnette Shepard, Bradley Berkemeier, James Sprague, Cathy Pelsor and Monica Yane.

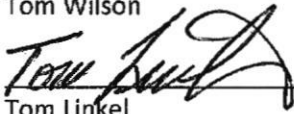
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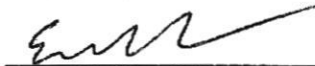
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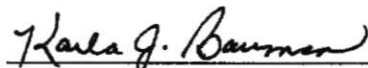
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on October 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation – 2018 INDOT Grant:** Cathy Pelsor presented the 2018 INDOT Grant documents that need to be signed by Tom Wilson. One is operating and the other is for capital. **Motion for Tom Wilson to sign the Operational and Capital Grant documents by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor – CAMA Software:** Bids were advertised and opened by Sharon Halcomb.

X-Soft, Inc. - \$137,500 (licenses, installation, conversion and training)  
\$ 23,500 (annual support/maintenance)

There is no bond in the contract. Commissioners agreed no bond is necessary. There are only three certified companies in the State of Indiana. **Motion to award and sign contract with X-Soft, Inc. for \$137,500, annual payments of \$27,500 for five (5) years and the annual support/maintenance of \$23,500 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Andrew Meeks – 3M Transportation:** Mr. Meeks gave a short presentation on traffic safety concerns and answered some questions. After discussion and answering some questions about graffiti protection, Diamond Grade and High Intensity signs, the commissioners suggested that Mr. Meeks drop by the Highway office before leaving town. Mr. Linkel stated that the County purchases about \$1,000 worth of signs at a time and Mr. Roberts questioned whether signs should be added to the annual bid process.

**RFP – Bridge Inspections:** Four bids were received at the time of the start of the meeting that are interested in scoring system for annual bridge inspections. It was discovered that the published advertisement for the acceptance of bids gave the deadline of 12:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. Bids will be accepted until 12 noon. All bids will be taken under advisement and reviewed at the October 24, 2017 meeting. **Motion to have the RFP Bridge Inspections bids at the October 24, 2017 meeting, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes – October 3, 2017:** Mr. Roberts stated a correction in the Cyclical Reassessment, Nexus Group bid – correction \$103,00 to \$103,000. **Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Amended Clerk's Report – August 2017:** There was a type on the August 2017 monthly report filed by the Clerk in the trust account amount reported. The correct amount was \$66,024.17. **Motion to accept amended report from Clerk for August by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Clerk's Report – September, 2017:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of September 2017 report from Clerk by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Eric Roberts would like to look for grants that might be available to help with getting a security officer for the Courthouse. This would be similar to the resource officer currently employed at the school through a grant. The Commissioners agreed that it would be worth looking into. Presently the cameras in the courthouse can be viewed with a smartphone. Mr. Roberts stated that the cameras cannot do harm. (Questions from Mildred Simmermeyer were inaudible on the tape re: smartphones.)

**LPA-Consulting Contract – FC Commissioners & Durham Engineering, Inc.:** Motion to sign the LPA Consulting Contract with Durham Engineering not to exceed \$339,112.56 for St. Mary's Road (6<sup>th</sup> Street) Bridge Project by Tom Linkel - Eric Roberts asked what the cost for the total project was. There was a discussion about the different phases. Mr. Roberts had the understanding of the 80/20 that there is a cap of 15% or something that the engineering costs cannot exceed the total cost of the project. This is for the construction engineering cost. There is an 80/20 grant for this project. Phone call was made to Ted Cooley to see if there were any restrictions on the amount that could go to engineering costs. No answer. This will be addressed at the next meeting after Durham Engineering speaks with Ted Cooley. Mr. Roberts would like a better understanding of what each of the phases are going to cost. This motion failed for a lack of second. Second call made to Ted Cooley on speaker phone. Inaudible on tape. Mr. Roberts would like the contract to be broken down into each of the four aspects of the project.

**LPA – Consulting Contract – FC Commissioners & Clark Dietz – Bridge #56 St. Mary's Road:** Motion to sign LPA Consulting Contract for the rehab of Bridge #56 for Clark Dietz in the sum of \$72,837.74 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**GIS Data Request – GAI Consultants:** Tabled until next Commissioners meeting.

**Connersville Heating & Cooling Quote – Sheriff Dept.:** Eric Roberts would like to get a second quote. **Motion to let Eric choose which system, after getting another quote for cooling unit for UPS room by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Tom Linkel read a text message for a change order he received from Ted Cooley – Triple C. He will bring the change order to the Commissioners.

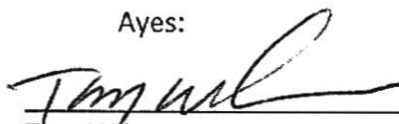
John Estridge – River Road – The school is no longer sending out buses. Request that the Commissioners make contact with the Superintendent to fix or see what can be done to get bus service resumed.

On the curb of Hickory Road there is a deep pothole.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Others Present: Cathy Pelsor, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Steve Meyer, Andrew Meeks, 3-M, Sharon Halcomb and Sara Duffy.  
Minutes for October 10, 2017 approved.

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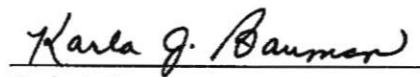
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Karla J. Bauman  
Franklin County Auditor

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**October 31, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on October 31, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Brian Gillen – Duke Energy:** No show

**Patriot Insurance – Property & Liability Quote:** The quotes for various insurance coverage and costs were presented to the Commissioners for approval and signatures. The number of workmen compensation claims and equipment coverage are the reason the amount has gone up slightly over last year. **Motion to accept the quote from Patriot Insurance in the sum of \$229,641 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve October 10, 2017 minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll – October 27, 2017 Payout (Without prior board approval pursuant to ordinance due to October 24, 2017 meeting being cancelled.)** Motion to approve payroll by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Tom Linkel had some additional questions on the insurance in regards to the value of equipment and the value at the time of loss. Actual cash value is used for any loss on equipment.

**Both the Veteran's Officer Report and Treasurer's Report for September, 2017, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2017 - : 2018 Holiday Schedule** – Tabled – Will revisit at next meeting.

**Resolution 2017 - : 2018 Payroll Schedule** – Tabled – Will revisit at next meeting.

**Resolution 2017-: 2018 Commissioners Meeting Schedule** – Tabled – Will revisit at next meeting. Commissioners will think about how many meetings to have each month, two or three.

**Ordinance 2017 - : Overtime Policy Highway** – After much discussion, no action on ordinance until some language is changed. The proposed change to the overtime pay is for "comp hours" to be included in the actual hours worked for calculating the total number of hours worked in a week for overtime purposes. Mr. Roberts stated that he thought the proposed changes were too generous. Auditor Bauman expressed concerns with the language that if funds were not approved to pay overtime, an employee would be given comp time instead. She was

concerned about an employee not agreeing in advance to that arrangement and insisting on receiving overtime pay. FLSA gives that choice to the employee, not the employer.

**LPA – Consulting Contract – Durham Engineering, Inc.:** Tabled until November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Change Order #1 for Bridge #133 River Road in the amount of \$4,145 for removing buried retaining wall that they did not know was there by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Commitment Letters – Federal Aid Application – Blue Creek: Motion to deny this commitment letter by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried**

**Commitment Letters – Federal Aid Application - #31 Hamburg – After much discussion as to whether or not there would be sufficient money in 2021, motion by Eric Roberts to sign the commitment letter, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried 2-1. Tom Wilson voted no.**

**Title VI Commitment Letter – FHWA Grants:** This Commitment letter is in regards to certain ADA criteria. **Motion by Tom Linkel to sign the Commitment letter, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.** Commissioners would like to see progress on this in 2018.

**GIS Data Request – GAI Consultants: Motion to approve GIS data request by GAI Consultants made by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Motion carried 2-1. Eric Roberts voted no.** Mr. Roberts voted no due to no information provided on how this would benefit the county. The \$750 fee was waived.

**Eckstein Roofing – Quote from Eckstein Roofing for buzzard damage to Government Center roof for \$11,600. Motion for Eric Roberts to sign Eckstein Roofing Quote for \$11,600 to repair roof by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

John Estridge asked questions about the comp time for highway employees and the county's ability to track it. Auditor Bauman stated there presently is no tracking in her office for individual offices. She is looking into tracking that again as was done in the past.

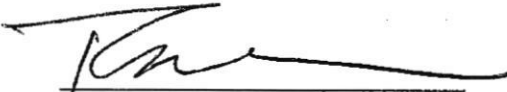
Sara Duffy asked if the County employees' portion of the health insurance premiums for next year will be changed. Presently there are no plans to change the premium collected from the employees, but the Commissioners are open to discussing and reviewing it.

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Others Present: Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Ryan Hartzler, John Estridge, Marissa Lane, Sara Duffy, Wayne Monroe, James Sprague and Marty Hon-E&H Bridge.

Minutes Approved for October 10, 2017.

AYES:

  
Tom Wilson

  
Tom Linkel

  
Eric Roberts

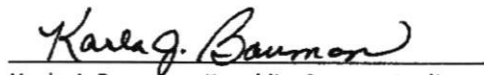
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Tom Wilson

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Eric Roberts

Attested By:

  
Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**November 7, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

~~The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.~~  
~~in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric~~  
~~Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.~~

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Highway – Timekeeping:** The Highway Secretary gave a presentation to those in attendance on the multiple forms that are maintained by the Highway Department in regards to the daily work logs for employees.

**Ordinance 2017-23 – Overtime Policy – Highway:** Discussion followed in regards to the proposed Ordinance 2-17-23, an ordinance amending the County of Franklin, Indiana Personnel Policies Handbook, for overtime calculations. All employees will be paid 1 ½ times for all hours in excess of 40 hours per week. Personal Days and Comp time leave will be added to “actual hours worked” or a part of the 40 hour per week calculation. This will cost the County more money. The County has paid approximately \$23,000 so far this year for overtime.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-23 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts voted Nay. Motion carried 2-1.** The Ordinance was not read in the record but is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Karla Bauman, Auditor – Capital Asset Policy –** Auditor Bauman requested the help of the Commissioners in getting the County compliant with the handling of Capital Assets and reporting on the County’s Annual Financial Report. The reporting requirements changed back in 1999 with GASB 34. The County has not implemented either of the County’s Capital Asset Policy that went into effect in 2004 and amended in 2007. Tom Linkel suggested the Auditor contact the Highway Engineer to see what program he uses for the infrastructure assets. Mr. Roberts stated that former auditors have tried to implement the changes but the department heads did not cooperate. Auditor Bauman is looking to move from the paper/pen record keeping processes and getting it computerized. Computerization is necessary to deal with the required depreciation of the assets. Auditor Bauman will report back.

**Approve Minutes – October 31, 2017: Motion to approve October 31, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims: Motion to approve Claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Payroll: Motion to approve Payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2017-37 – 2018 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule: Motion to approve Resolution 2017-37, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2017-38 – 2018 Payroll Schedule: Motion to approve 2017-38, 2018 Payroll Schedule by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

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**Resolution 2017-39 – 2018 Holiday Schedule: Motion to approve 2017-39, 2018 Holiday Schedule by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**LPA – Consulting Contract – Durham Engineering, Inc.: Tom Linkel moved to approve and sign the contract with Durham Engineering, subject to INDOT approval, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. The contract price is \$176,709.**

**Sound System for meeting room: Motion to approve \$450 increase for the sound system quote received by Jim Kolb for the meeting room, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comments:** The following items were discussed: Electrical and conduit issues on the Courthouse lawn, lights in the courtroom will need scaffolding and perhaps switching to LED, two heat pumps have gone out (try to push into next year's budget), pop off valve on boiler got stuck and 400 gallons of glycol went down the drain, the highway would like additional electric in building to plug trucks in, two heaters are out there as well and highway will need a skid loader next year. Questions about the EMA generator just sitting down there not being used and it should be operational. Mr. Roberts will turn in an additional for what he thinks the "wish list" items will cost.

Sara Duffy asked about the employee's portion for the health insurance premium. Mr. Roberts said the employee family premium paid has not changed in nine years. Mr. Linkel would like to get a facebook page for the highway department to use. River Road project is on hold until the slide is fixed.

Mr. Linkel gave a short reporting on the closed roads since Sunday's rains.

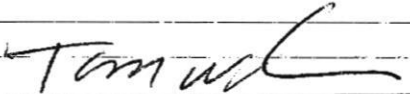
Wayne Monroe inquired about the claim for Kings Asphalt in the sum of \$4,600 that the Commissioners allowed at this meeting.

**Others Present:** Wayne Monroe, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, James Sprague, Daryl Kramer and Sara Duffy.

Minutes approved for November 7, 2017.

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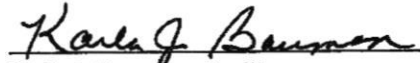
  
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Attested By:

  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**November 14, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

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The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Brad Gillen – Duke Small Business Energy Saver Program:** Mr. Gillen presented the results from an Audit that was performed at the Highway Department for the Energy Saver Program. The project cost for the lighting is \$5,994. The lighting for the dog catcher did not qualify under the program. Commissioners agreed to take the proposal to County Council for approval. We would be looking at doing this next year. No contract was signed.

**Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor – Award Cyclical Contract:** A review of the prior bids that were opened on October 3, 2017 are now before the Commissioners for consideration and awarding.

Nexus - \$412,000 for four years and includes legal and educational.

Lexur - \$418,500 for four years and did not include legal and educational.

**Tom Linkel motioned to accept the \$412,000 four year term quote from Nexus, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

No contract was signed. The DLGF requires that the model contract they provide is used. No contract has been prepared or approved yet. Sharon Halcomb will bring the contract for signatures when it is ready.

**Bill Schirmer – Zoning Changes:** Mr. Schirmer was there to explain the zoning code provisions to the Commissioners in regards to the industrial changes that were made a few months. Rumors had it that additional changes would need to be made to the code or variances in order for the business to move into the industrial zoned area. Mr. Schirmer explained that the current zoning code already covered the issues under the conditional use provisions. Mr.

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Schirmer would like to see the Board of Commissioners as elected officials have some oversight on denied permits by the APC Board, who are merely appointed. The APC is also having some issues with the County's website and maintaining information on their page. Sara Duffy would like public notice given before any zoning code changes are discussed in a meeting.

**Approve Minutes – November 7, 2017: Motion to approve the November 7, 2017 Minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims – Motion to approve all claims, except for the Extension Office mileage reimbursement claim until verification is received, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Payroll – 2017 Longevity: Motion to approve the longevity pay by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Treasurer's & Clerk's Report – October, 2017: Motion to acknowledge receipt of October, 2017 Treasurer & Clerk report by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Midwest Data – Network & Systems Support Agreement – Courthouse/Government Center & Sheriff Office: Motion to sign the MDI for Support Service Agreement for the Courthouse/Government Center in the amount of \$4,500 and for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,000, with onsite hourly rate of \$99.00 and in-house rate of \$75.00, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cemetery Board Appointment:** The Cemetery Board has recommended Eric Knight be appointed to fill the vacancy for Ed. **Motion to appoint Eric Knight to fulfill Ed's vacancy on board by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Extension Office – Copier:** Two proposals were received for a copier in the Extension Office. The difference in payment is that one proposal is for a 3 year term and the other proposal is for a 5 year term. The total cost for the three year term is \$14,040 and the five year term total cost is \$17,400.

**Highway Quotes – Fuel Pumps:** Fuel Pump replacement and software upgrade is needed at the Highway Department. Discussion between commissioners about paying for this out of next year's budget. An additional will need to be filed and approved by County Council. **Motion to approve the proposal from Mid-Valley Supply, for a total of \$15,793.01, less sales tax and also the quote for software upgrade to W.C. Storey & Son, Inc. for a total of \$2,873.00, contingent upon County Council approval, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

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**Public Comment:** Commissioners discussed the progress on River Road and Franklin County School Board requests of improvements before they will allow school bus service to resume. Mr. Linkel stated that the School Board needs to be more specific and he will do everything he can to get the issues resolved. Richland Creek is back open. No new permits will be issued by the State until the County shows progress. There will be no culvert cleaning until permits are in place. Mildred Simmermeyer asked about the recent drug testing at the highway department and what will happen if an employee with CDL license fails it. Ted Cooley will be part-time on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Salary Ordinance will need to be amended for his hourly rate. Commissioners agreed that Ted could continue to use the county vehicle while working part-time. Both Mr. Linkel and Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Cooley had not utilized the highway

secretaries the way he should have. Commissioners will ask County Council for more money to pay the salary of the County Engineer. Mr. Roberts will work on a new advertisement for that position. Mildred Simmermeyer asked about the milling on the ramps on Stockpile Bridge. The bridge is only two years old.

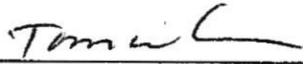
Health Insurance – Eric Roberts: Mr. Roberts proposed an increase in the employee's contribution for the County's health insurance. He proposed going from the present three tier system to a two tier system. He said it had been 9 years since the employee's share has been changed and the County's portion has increased annually. He proposed that the second tier increase by \$177 per month and the third tier increase by \$81 per month. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Linkel disagreed. Mr. Wilson stated that the County need to pay a living wage.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

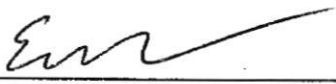
Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Perry Knox, Don Westerfeld, James Sprague, Sharon Halcomb, Lynette Shepard, Bradley Berkemeier, Ed Derickson, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Andi White, Bill Schirmer, Nathan Meyer and Brad Gillen

Minutes approved for November 14, 2017.

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Tom Linkel

  
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Eric Roberts

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ATTESTED BY:

  
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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**November 21, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Patty Jackson, SIRPC – Bid Opening FC Rehab Program:** Some of the projects were advertised for rebid because no bids were received. Patty Jackson was present at the meeting today for the opening of the bids. All bids opened were taken under advisement.

**Scott Cooper – 2 bids – 602 Rochester Street - \$18,075; 640 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street - \$26,050**

**Darren Reynolds – 3 bids – 8074 Shady Road - \$23,875; 22210 Highway 52 - \$44,380; 2174 State Line Road - \$35,950**

**Bob Crosthwaite – 5 bids – 22210 Highway 52 - \$37,695; 602 Rochester Street - \$10,930; 640 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street - \$13,400; 5104 Walnut Street - \$26,025 and 2174 State Line Rd. - \$26,930**

**D O Corn & Son – 2 bids – 8074 Shady Road - \$25,050 and 22210 Highway 52 - \$55,550**

**Mike Ridenour – 1 bid – 8074 Shady Road - \$15,670**

Ms. Jackson also gave an update on the current projects. **Motion to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cindy Orschell, Area Plan Director – Amendments:** Cindy Orschell presented proposed ordinances for the Commissioners consideration. Cindy Orschell read the proposed ordinance (2017-25) to the Commissioners. This amendment is only to correct typographical errors in setbacks in open industry areas. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-25 to correct typographical errors in Open Industrial Districts by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Attached hereto.**

Cindy Orschell read the second proposed ordinance (2017-26), certain requirements amending the real estate transfers and deed disclosures with Agricultural and Rural Area Disclosures.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-26 as read by Cindy, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. Attached hereto.**

**Ed Derickson – Zoning-Set Backs:** (Include from Ed's handout) Presentation of recent Area Plan Commission discussions at recent meetings. The idea of collecting additional fee (tax) on campgrounds was discussed. The Commissioners agreed they would support Mr. Derickson in

his effort to collect additional taxes on those who visit Franklin County (on campgrounds). Other updates included repeal and replacing current zoning code regarding cell towers; setbacks and hostelry.

**Approve Minutes: - November 14, 2017 – Motion to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims: Motion to approve claims and including the Extension Office mileage claim by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Payroll: Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cincinnati Air Conditioning Company – HVAC: Mr. Roberts received some pricing on the HVAC for the repair work in the Government Center. The total amount \$9,542.25 of which \$3,142.25 has already been completed. Additional amounts include \$4,800 for glycol and \$1,600 for heat pump coil. Motion to sign quote from Cincinnati Air Conditioning Company, contingent upon County Council approval, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Canon Copier – Extension Office: Motion to sign the Canon Copier for the Extension Office in the amount of \$290 per month, for five years, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Extension Contractual Services Agreement: Motion to sign the contract between Franklin County and Purdue for 2018, for Contractual Services by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Southeastern IN Regional Planning Commission – Appointments: Motion to appoint Tom Linkel and Cindy Orschell to the Southeastern IN Regional Planning Commission by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Southeastern IN Solid Waste District – Appointment: Motion to appoint Tom Linkel to the Southeastern IN Solid Waste District by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

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**Notice to Bidders – Highway Supplies for 2018: There was no motion.**

**We will accept bids until December 27<sup>th</sup>, open on December 27<sup>th</sup> and award at first meeting in January, 2018.**

**Public Comments: Eric Roberts will advertise for the Highway Engineer position.**

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

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FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CITIZENS ZONING CODE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE 2017-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FRANKLIN CITIZENS ZONING CODE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA SPECIFICALLY; RESOLUTION NO. 2011-24, PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

Repeal Ordinance # 2014-24 due to typographical error.

(Correct language) Section 80.03.11 : I-2 Open Industrial District, B. Other requirements for the I-2 District, 1 ; "For open industrial uses, each lot shall have at least one hundred (100) feet of frontage on a street or service road, provided that lots may be combined into a tract development with adequate access, in which case the frontage of the tract shall be at least two hundred (200) feet. See Section 80.08.03 for Yard and Setback Requirements and 80.08.10 Landscape Standards, A; Level 2 Landscape Screening."

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin County, Indiana this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

*Kara J. Bauman*

Auditor of Franklin County, Indiana

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

*Harold J. Bauman*  
FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

ORDINANCE 2017-26

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Section 80.09.02, A. Certain Requirements Regarding Real Estate Transfers. Remove the word "deed".

Section 80.09.02, B. Agriculture and Rural Area Deed Disclosure; Delete and replace with: Section 80.09.02, B. Agriculture and Rural Area Disclosures. All applicants shall sign and record with the Franklin County, Indiana Recorder's Office, the "Notice of Agricultural Activity" located in Appendix A in the Franklin County Zoning Code.

Appendix A:

NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY

TO: ALL APPLICANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS IN ALL ZONED AREAS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA.

This notice is given to you because of your application for an Improvement Location Permit to build or move into an area of Franklin County that is zoned for Agriculture or near an area zoned for agricultural use.

The purpose of this notice is to assure that you are aware that all agricultural operations may be practiced in the area of this residence and/or subdivision.

Agricultural activity includes but is not limited to, production of crops, animal husbandry, land application of animal waste, the raising, breeding, and sale of livestock and poultry, including confinement feeding operations, use of farm machinery, and the sale of farm products. Single-family dwellings are permitted uses of land in an Agricultural Zone, and this is not restricted to farm families. However, people who choose to live in or near these areas must understand that agricultural operations may be occurring nearby.

You must also understand that Indiana has a "RIGHT TO FARM" law that protects farm operations from unwarranted nuisance suits by neighbors. Farm operations do not constitute a nuisance so long as they are not negligently maintained, do not cause bodily injury to third parties, directly endanger human health, or does not cause damage to adjoining property. This applies to agricultural uses that currently exist, are enlarged, or changed in use in the future to another agricultural use.

By signing this notice form, you verify that you have received it, read it and understand it. You are not giving up the right to seek redress for negligence by individuals associated with a farm operation or by other residents of the area.

MY SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. I HAVE READ IT AND UNDERSTAND IT. IN ADDITION, I AGREE TO RECORD THIS DOCUMENT AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDER'S OFFICE WITH A FEE OF \$25.00.

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Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin County, Indiana this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

Karla G. Bauman

Auditor of Franklin County, Indiana

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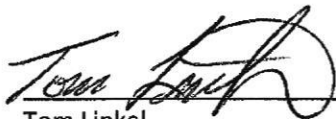
Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Daryl Kramer, Perry Knox, Patty Jackson, Sara Duffy, Ed Derickson, Bill Schirmer, Marty Hon (E & H Bridge)

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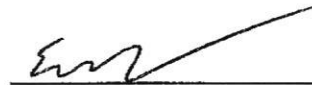
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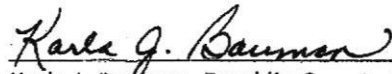
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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor

Dated December 5, 2017



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**December 5, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on December 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.**

**Patty Jackson, SIRPC – Rehab Program:** Patty Jackson was present in the matter of the Franklin County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program to award the contracts on the bids that were opened at the last meeting. Some of the contractors who were the lowest bids, withdrew some of their bids since they would have been the low bid on multiple homes. In those instances, the next lowest bidder was awarded the contract. The following bids were awarded:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
602 Rochester Street	Scott Cooper	\$18,075.00
8074 Shady Road	Darin Reynolds	\$23,875.00
640 East 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Bob Crosthwaite	\$13,400.00
2174 State Line Road	D.O. Corn & Son	\$36,620.00
5104 Walnut Street	Bob Crosthwaite	\$26,025.00

**Motion to approve the bids as read by Patty Jackson, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Jodi Comer, SIRPC – Hazard Litigation Plan:** Jodi Comer just wanted to inform the Commissioners that it is time for the County's Hazard Litigation Plan to be updated. This will be paid for with a grant from Homeland Security. She will be working with Ed Hollenbach on this. There will need to be representatives from the County, Towns, Fire, Health, etc. working on this plan. It is real important that all hazards be identified. All known hazards must be identified in order to qualify for federal assistance due to an emergency. The first meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor – Cyclical Assessment:** Sharon Halcomb presented the Cyclical Assessment contract for commissioners' signature. This bid was approved and awarded at last month's meeting.

**Kelly – United Way:** Franklin County United Way would like to conduct an employee payroll drive. The County is the second largest employer in Franklin County and a payroll drive has not been done in over two years. Commissioners approved the United Way doing an employee payroll drive.

**Melinda Brown, Stayin' Alive – Tobacco Committee:** A presentation was given on the works of the Tobacco Committee with Stayin' Alive at the Franklin County Park events. A proposed resolution/ordinance was presented to Commissioners for passage, banning all tobacco products at all Franklin County owned park facilities. The proposed resolution will be signed at the next meeting.

**Brad Jones – Lake Santee Appointment:** Brad Jones requested that Jim Hornig be reappointed to the Lake Santee Regional Water & Sewage Board. **Motion to appoint Jim Hornig to the Lake Santee Regional Water & Sewage Board by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes – November 21, 2017:** Motion to approve the November 21, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims as presented by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Durham Engineering, Inc. – Task Order No. 22 to Prime Agreement:**

Richland Creek – Presented a Task Order No. 2 to design a bridge replacement for this structure. The proposed cost includes construction and design as well as a hydraulic study. Commissioners would like this revised removing the design of a replacement bridge and doing a hydraulic study only.

Additional discussion on the following: The quarterly reports will be submitted to INDOT for Saint Mary's Road. On River Road, perform design hydraulics to ensure the existing creek flow does not exceed the capacity of the existing two pipe structures already in place.

Commissioners asked how long a hydraulic study was good for. There was a proposal for the deck on Duck Creek Bridge. This would only extend the life of the bridge for 2 to 5 years. Tom Wilson believes we can get 2 to 5 years without doing anything. The report will be filed with IDEM and asking for release on the moratorium on issuing permits.

**LPA Supplemental Contract – INDOT & FC Board Commissioners – Bridge #144 Fairfield Rd. over Brookville Reservoir:** Commissioners need to further review the changes that were made. This was tabled until next meeting.

**Ordinance 2017 – Vacation of Street Car Road:** This was vacated at the July 18, 2016 Commissioner's meeting, however, an ordinance was not signed at that time. The proposed ordinance was read into the record by Tom Wilson. A copy is attached to these minutes. **Motion to sign Ordinance 2017-28 vacating a portion of the north end of Street Car Road, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Lease Agreement – Oldenburg Highway:** Motion to sign the Lease agreement with Holy Family Church of Oldenburg, Indiana for the County Highway Garage by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Cintas Agreement – Highway:** Grant Reeves has been reviewing the contract. There is interest in terminating the agreement with Cintas and finding another company to service the uniforms for the county highway employees. Mr. Roberts asked if more money could be saved by purchasing the Carhartt jeans for the employees. No decision made at this time.

**Highway Quote:** Mr. Linkel received two quotes for the repair work on Pine Road. Daron Werner for \$5,966.00 and Fred Layton for \$6,500. Mr. Linkel approved the quote for Daron Werner.

Two quotes were received from Custom Coat It for installation down at the Highway Garage. The "closed cell" R16 value was for \$16,600 and the "open cell" R18 value was for \$12,000.

**Motion to do closed cell R18 with Custom Coat It for \$16,600, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Tom Wilson –** Tom Wilson discussed the Tax Sale Certificates that were given to the Commissioners by the Auditor following the 2017 Tax Sale. Commissioners will do additional research on the properties prior to scheduling a date for the County Executive Sale.

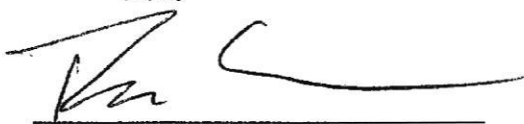
John Estridge asked if there has been any further developments with the situation on River Road and the Franklin County Schools. The County has done everything and not sure what else we can do.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Patty Jackson, Jodi Comer, Perry Knox, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Brad Jones, Kelly Bulmer, Meg Applegate, Melinda Brown, Daryl Kramer and Sharon Halcomb

Minutes from December 5, 2017 approved.

AYES



Tom Wilson

NAYS

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Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel



Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts



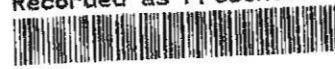
Eric Roberts

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman

Franklin County Auditor



State of Indiana )  
 )SS:  
County of Franklin: )

IN RE: THE VACATION OF A PORTION )  
OF A ROAD AT THE END OF STREET )  
CAR ROAD IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, )  
INDIANA )

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-28

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Franklin County, Indiana Commissioners pursuant to I.C. 36-7-3-12, that pursuant to a Petition to Vacate filed with the Franklin County, Indiana Commissioners, on the 24th day of May, 2016 by Petitioner, Michael Rose, owner of real property located within Franklin County, Indiana, the following described portion of Street Car Road is hereby VACATED.

All of that portion of the north end of Street Car Road, beginning the current end of Street Car Road at the Rose residence running south to the point where the south line of the Rose property leaves Street Car Road to the East, said point being the Northwest corner of the Jeremiah & Elizabeth Blossom property, which is solely owned by Petitioner, whose address is 18144 Street Car Rd., Brookville, Indiana 47012. Said property is further identified by parcel identification no. 24-08-19-200-002.001-005 is HEREBY VACATED.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by law.

Passed by the Franklin County, Indiana Commissioners, this 18th day of July, 2016.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA COMMISSIONERS

Tom Wilson 12-5-17  
TOM WILSON

Tom Linkel 12-5-17  
TOM LINKEL

Eric Roberts 12-5-17  
ERIC ROBERTS

ATTEST:

Carol Westerman  
Secretary

This instrument prepared by TAMMY R. DAVIS, Atty. at Law, 647 Main St., Brookville, Indiana 47012.

"I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law."  
Tammy R. Davis

State of Indiana:

County of Franklin:

*Concurrence  
17748  
7-18-16*

**PETITION TO VACATE PUBLIC ROADWAY**

Petitioner, Michael Rose, as the owner of real property located within Franklin County, Indiana, hereby petitions the Franklin County Commissioners ("Commissioners") to vacate a portion of the north end of Street Car Road, beginning the current end of Street Car Road at the Rose residence running south to the point where the south line of the Rose property leaves Street Car Road to the East, said point being the Northwest corner of the Jeremiah & Elizabeth Blossom property, which is solely owned by Petitioner, whose address is 18144 Street Car Rd., Brookville, Indiana 47012. Said property is further identified by parcel identification no. 24-08-19-200-002.001-005.

In support of said Petition, Michael Rose, with counsel, states:

1. Vacating the proposed Roadway is beneficial to the County as it will no longer need to be maintained by the County and said portion of the road only is utilized by the Petitioner;
2. That currently the school bus turns around before the proposed vacated section and the Petitioner has been clearing the proposed vacated roadway during the past winter;
3. Vacation of the proposed Roadway will not hinder the growth or orderly development of the neighborhood in which said roadway is located or to which the roadway is contiguous;
4. Vacating the proposed Roadway does not make access to the lands of any person by means of public way difficult or inconvenient;
5. Vacating the proposed Roadway does not hinder the public's access to a church, school, or other public building or place; and

Further, Petitioner states that notice of this Petition and the hearing on it has been provided pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 36-7-3-12(c) and 5-3-1.

Respectfully Submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

  
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Tammy R. Davis, Attorney for Petitioner  
Michael Rose, Petitioner



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**December 19, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on December 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.**

**Connie Bischoff, Franklin County Recorder:** Connie Bischoff, Franklin County Recorder, came before the Commissioners for an ordinance to place a watermark on the bulk form copies. The watermark process is already being placed on the bulk form copies. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-29 An Ordinance Requiring the Recorder of Franklin County, Indiana, to Watermark Bulk Form Copies by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cindy Orschell - Area Plan Director – Rezone:** On December 13, 2017, the Area Plan Commission heard and gave favorable recommendation on the application of Karen Sacksteder, Trustee of the Karen Sacksteder Trust to amend the zoning designation from present Secondary Agricultural to General Business for the general described property: 4100 US 52, New Trenton, Indiana 47035. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-30 Rezone from Secondary Agricultural to General Business for Karen Sacksteder, 4100 US 52, New Trenton, Indiana by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer – Financial:** Tom Linkel requested that the Treasurer come before the Commissioners and explain the recent comments made during the recent County Council meeting in regards to the Treasurer's investments of County money. The Treasurer presented investment reports for the Commissioners to review during the presentation. The Treasurer worked with the State Board of Accounts following the 2012 Audit in getting the Cashbook balanced. Veronica Voelker took office on January 1, 2013. In 2012, \$4,261,104.05 was reported being invested as "monies on deposit". The SBOA advised that the "monies on deposit" should not be listed on the investment report (right side) because it did not match the left side of the cashbook. Both sides have to match at all times. The best way to clean this up per SBOA was to cash in the "monies on deposit". It took a year with the help of SBOA to get this cleaned up. What SBOA and the Treasurer believed happened before 2013 was that monies that were collected were not taken through the correct process for investments. Instead the monies were taken and deposited into investments without going through the funds. Since it was not properly "ran through" the system, the amount looks like there is more there than what actually is. The correct process for investments: Property tax investment, they would advise the Treasurer how much they want to invest. The Treasurer than would get quotes from different banks.

**Joe Copeland, Franklin County Engineer – Engineer's Office:** Commissioner's announced the hiring of Joe Copeland as the new Franklin County Engineer to begin on January 1, 2018. His salary will be \$75,000 per year.

**Approve Minutes – December 5, 2017:** Motion to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve the claims as presented by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer, Clerk and Veteran's Report – November, 2017:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the November, 2017 reports for Treasurer, Clerk and Veteran's reports by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Amend Resolution 32017-37 – Commissioner's 2018 Meeting Schedule:** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-45 Commissioners' 2018 Meeting schedule changing Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**LPA Supplemental Contract – INDOT and Franklin County Commissioners – Bridge #144 Fairfield Road over Brookville Reservoir:** Discussion in regards as to whether or not this bridge should be kept on the schedule as planned. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Linkel were in favor of keeping this bridge on the schedule and Mr. Wilson was not. **Motion to sign the LPA Supplemental Contract with INDOT for Bridge #144 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel.** Tom Wilson voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

**Durham Engineering, Inc. – Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement:** After discussion, Commissioners tabled until next meeting for further explanation and corrections.

**FC Covention, Recreation & Visitor's Commission Appointments:** Motion to appoint Gay Worth as the Commissioners appointment at large and Tim Ziemke, as the Ray Township appointment to the Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Board until December, 2019, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 2017-46 – Franklin County Park(s) Tobacco Free Policy & Sign:** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-46, a resolution making Franklin County Park(s) Tobacco Free by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried,

**Antenna Site Agreement – IN Paging & Whitewater Valley REMC:** Motion to sign the Antenna Site Agreement with IN Paging by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to sign the Antenna Site Agreement with Whitewater Valley REMC by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Duke Energy Save Program – Highway:** Commissioners tabled until 2018.

**Highway – Zimmer Quotes:** Quotes were received for a new skid loader. **Motion to accept the quote received from Zimmer Tractor for a skid load in the sum of \$37, 495, with trade in of old skid loader only (not the generator) and pallet forks, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Maxie Construction – Remodeling Engineer Office:** Motion to accept quote from Maxie Construction for the remodeling of Engineer's Office, at \$39 per hour and materials to be bought from Gillman's by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Viper Lift Trucks:** Motion to purchase the former demo unit for the sum of \$19,450 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Health Insurance – Ordinance 2017-32 – Establishing policy on Funds:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-32, A Home Rule Ordinance of Franklin County Indiana Authorizing the Payment of Health Insurance in Monthly Installments by Tom Wilson, seconded Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-31 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-08 & 09:** Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-31 replacing Ordinance 2017-08 and Ordinance 2017-09 (Treasurer's Non-Reverting Fund, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Ryan Sacksteder, Jolene Beneker, Veronica Voelker, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Connie Bischoff and Cindy Orschell.

Minutes approved December 27, 2017.

Ayes:

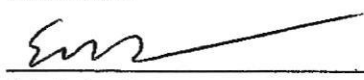
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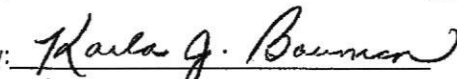
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**The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.**

**Robin Saxon – Drainage Problems:** Robin Saxon presented to the Commissioners issues she was having as a result of three neighbors stripping vegetation from their properties and as a result a large volume of water and mud now runs onto her property. She has already replaced the corrugated pipes to accommodate the increase of water flow, however, the placing of boulders by the neighbor across the street has caused the water to now flow away from the creek. The neighbor's have also been disposing of building materials near the creek's edge which did get washed downstream recently. The Commissioners will send Joe Gillespi to do an onsite inspection of the situation and report back to them. Commissioners will contact Robin Saxon with those results.

**Open Highway Bids:** All bids received for the annual bids that were advertised were opened during the meeting. The Commissioners will give to the Franklin County Engineer to review and prepare a spreadsheet detailing all bid information. **Motion to table awarding of the bids until January 16, 2018 meeting by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Vehicle for Engineer:** A quote was received by Jim True Ford for a 2017 Escape for the Franklin County Engineer who starts on January 1, 2018 in the sum of \$25,000. This is for a vehicle that has 3,937 miles and was part of the service loaner program. The vehicle is available for immediate possession. **Motion to purchase the 2017 Escape for the sum of \$25,000 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes – December 19, 2017:** **Motion to approve the December 19, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims – Motion to approve Claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Durham Engineering, Inc. – Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement:** After discussion, it was decided by Commissioners to request the Franklin County Engineer to review this project. In addition, the Commissioners have requested that Rick Perry attend the January 16, 2018 Commissioners Meeting. All action on the Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement was tabled until January 16, 2018 meeting.

**Health Board Appointments: Motion to appoint Patsy Weileman and Joy Bishop to the Franklin County Health Department (appointments expire 12-31-21), by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Mildred Simmermeyer:** Mildred read a prepared statement to the commissioners in regards to the right of citizens to question their government as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. She was responding to an article written by John Estridge. Clarification was made that she had only asked questions in regards to the investment reports that were provided by the Treasurer and nothing else financially related. The Commissioners thanked her for her comments.

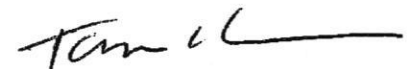
**County Vehicles:** Tom Linkel stated that the Small Animal Control Officer was also in need of a new vehicle due to breakdowns. It would take at least 6 to 8 weeks to get it in Mr. Wilson would like to wait a bit. Mr. Roberts stated that there are four pick-up trucks at the park and not all of them are being utilized during this time of the year. Commissioners will need to go to County Council to transfer money from the dump truck line to a new pick-up truck line. Eric Roberts stated we will need to look at our fleet of vehicles for all departments and possibly replace one or two vehicles for the next several years.

Others Present:

Minutes approved January 2, 2018.

Ayes:


Nays:



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Attested By: Karla J. Bauman jr  
Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor